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Proposed DDA district expanded

► Public hearing for DDA set for February 26 has been cancelled

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council has altered the boundaries of its proposed district for a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - increasing its size - and cancelled a planned public hearing that would have dealt with the DDA issue.

A DDA is a tool that can be used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its set district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

One of the steps involved with establishing a DDA is conducting a public hearing. The unit of government considering the creation of a DDA must approve a tentative district and publicize its intent for 20-40 days prior to the hearing.

The city council approved a tentative district at its January 13 regular meeting and voted 3-1 to set a public hearing for Wednesday, February 26. At the city council's next meeting - held last Monday - the council Continued on Page 3A

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Hummers hit the trails

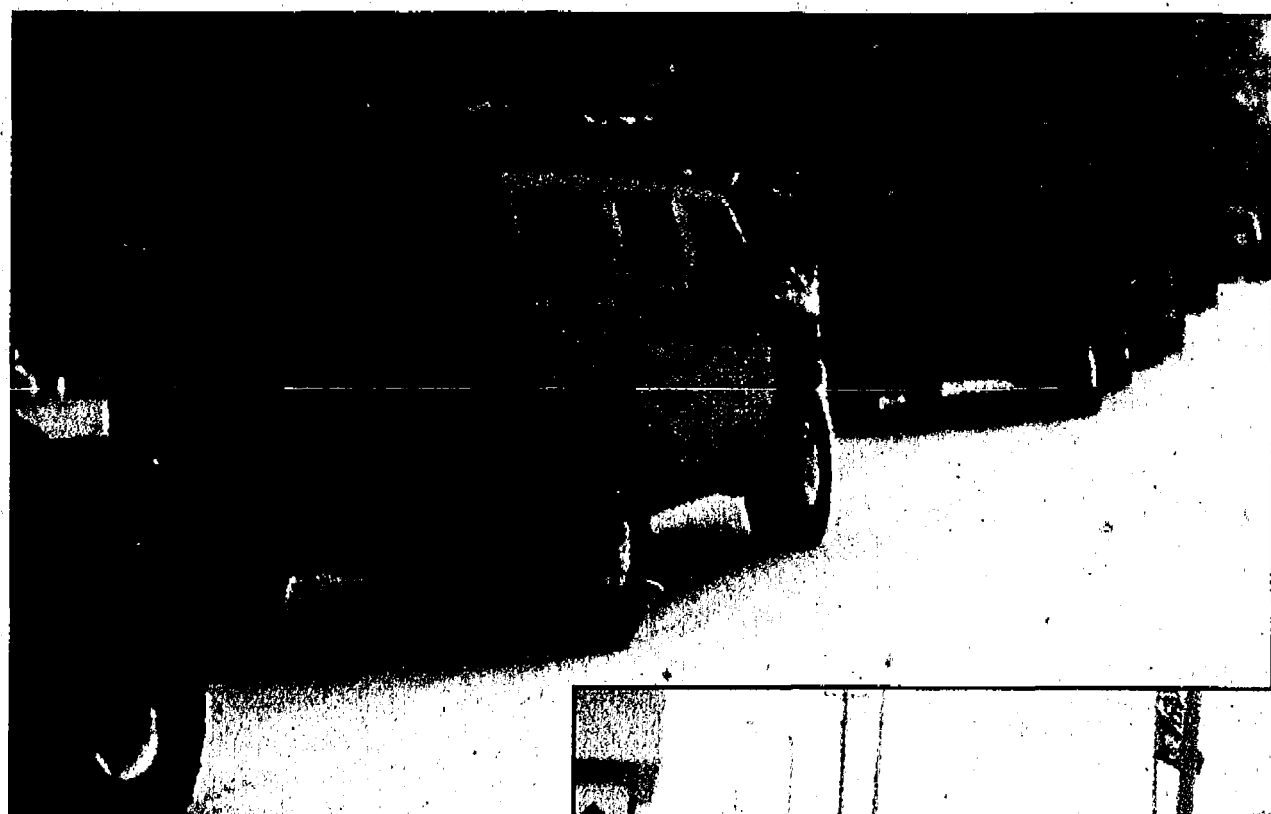


Photo courtesy of IHOG

(Above) IHOG members hit the trails of Crawford County in their annual snow run. (Right) Members gather outside the Holiday Inn to discuss their trip and get reacquainted.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

About 40 member vehicles of the International Hummer Owners Group, also known as "IHOG," traveled to Grayling on January 25 on the 4th Annual Michigan Hummer Snow Run.

Over 100 people, including entire families - from North Dakota, Georgia, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan - took to the streets and tank trails of Crawford County to experience the total capabilities of their Hummers and H-2s.

The vehicles were originally designed for use by the military, but its style and capabilities

drew a lot of attention in the private sector, causing the manufacturer to produce models available to the public.

Lead by IHOG Coordinator Rick Schmidt of Grosse Ile and Snow Run Coordinator Lee Townsend of Madison Heights, members met at the Holiday Inn where they split up into two groups and received goodie bags for their trip filled with snacks and other items donated by local businesses.

"The people here are just unbelievable," Townsend said. "Everyone is cordial and the service has been fantastic."

During this year's snow run, IHOG members stopped to eat at Skyline Country Club and

Ski Resort in Beaver Creek Township, the Country Skillet in Kalkaska County, and McDonald's in Waters. "We always have a fabulous time up here and that's what keeps bringing us back."

IHOG members, more than 150 strong worldwide, pay no dues and the club has no elected officers.

Each member pays his or her own travel expenses for a variety of excursions throughout the year. "We just love gathering together for the love of one thing -- Hummers," Townsend said.

To learn more about IHOG, visit the club's web site at: www.ihog.info.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Last shuttle launch captured

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Mike Shearer recalls with great detail the final launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia at 10:39 a.m. on January 16. He and 17-year old foreign exchange student, Pawel Wojcik of Poland, experienced the powerful event from eight miles away while visiting Florida last month.

After waiting among thousands of spectators for about an hour under tight security in Titusville, near the Kennedy Space Center, Shearer said it took about 50 seconds from the time of the launch to hear the tremendous roar and feel the awesome rumbling of lift off.

As Saturday morning brought the sad news of the shuttle breaking up in the skies over Texas and Louisiana, Shearer was busy at Crawford County's 911 Central Dispatch. "I just felt sick when I heard the news." He then switched on the television and to catch coverage of the disaster.

Wojcik, who is staying with Shearer while attending Grayling High School, told Shearer he was so lucky to get to see something most kids never have a chance to see. Shearer said the young man is saddened by the February 1 disaster, as is the rest of the world.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is investigating the cause of Columbia's disintegration about 200,000 miles in the sky, at 9 a.m., just 16 minutes from its scheduled landing.

Seven astronauts died in the disaster: Shuttle Commander Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Ilan Ramon.



Photo courtesy of Mike Shearer

Grayling resident Mike Shearer shared this photo of the January 16 launch of the space shuttle Columbia. Seven astronauts died last Saturday when the space craft broke into fiery pieces in the sky.

One dead, three injured in snowmobile mishaps

► Deputies still looking for injured hit and run snowmobiler

Last Saturday, Frederic Township Fire and EMS and Crawford County Sheriff's personnel had their hands full answering four calls for rescue on local snowmobile trails. As with other calls so far this season, three of the accidents involved injuries that were not life-threatening, but one downstate man was killed in the fourth accident on February 1.

The first accident of the day occurred on the Frederic Snowmobile Trail near West Cameron Bridge Road and North Manistee River Road at approximately 8:20 a.m.

Carmen Waites, age 30 of Troy, was traveling with her 13-year old daughter as a passenger when her new snowmobile, with only 121 miles logged, left the trail and struck a tree. Both were thrown from the snowmobile and injured. Frederic Township

EMS personnel, assisted by Mobile Medical Response (MMR) paramedics, transported them to Mercy Hospital in Grayling where mother and daughter were treated for their injuries.

Both victims were wearing helmets and alcohol was not a factor in the accident. The snowmobile was a total loss.

The second accident occurred at approximately 1:20 p.m., in Lovells Township, near Wakeley Bridge Road and Buck Trail on the Lovell Lewiston Snowmobile Trail, in northeast Crawford County.

Sgt. Randell Baerlocher reported a snowmobile driven by Justin Allen, age 15 of Beaverton, was traveling east-bound on the trail with his father and some friends when a west-bound snowmobiler rounded a curve and hit Allen's machine head on. Both snowmobilers were thrown from their sleds. Allen's snowmobile was severely damaged, but he was uninjured.

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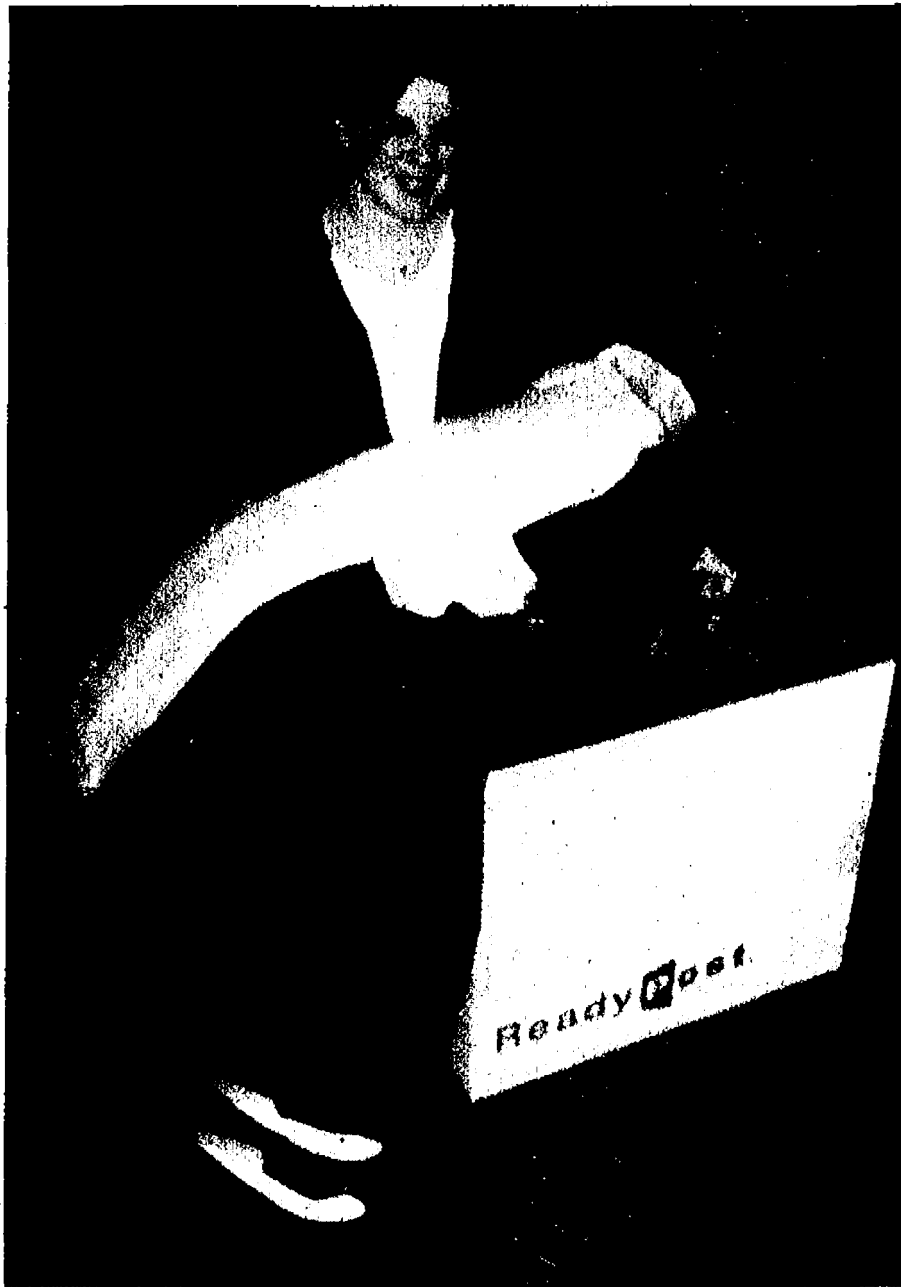
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From the first time a little girl learns the story of Cinderella, she most likely dreams of one day going to the ball. As she grows older, she learns "the ball" is actually called the Prom or Homecoming Dance, and that's okay with her. She will still feel like a princess wearing a formal dress or long gown... that's if she can afford it.

Heidi Niederer, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate and history major studying at Central Michigan University, knows the cost of getting dressed up and the informal network of sharing gowns with other young ladies in Crawford County to help save money when preparing for a formal dance. It's with this knowledge that she hopes to help other young ladies less fortunate than she who attend the inner city Chicago Public Schools.

While surfing the Internet recently, Niederer happened upon the Glass Slipper Project

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Now a college student, Heidi Niederer has gathered up her prom dresses and accessories, and is sending them to the Glass Slipper Project in Chicago. There the dresses will be given to inner city high school girls so that they may go to their Senior Prom.

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Snowmobile trail through town completed

► Trail networks north and south of Grayling are now connected

After many years of work by many different people in many different organizations, the Through Town Trail Connector – a snowmobile trail that connects trails north of Grayling to those south of town – is complete. It has been open to snowmobile traffic for almost three weeks.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, one of the driving forces behind the Through Town Trail project, said in a written announcement, "The 'Through Town Trail Connector' is providing a safe and legal snowmobile route through the City of Grayling. The connector utilizes private property easements, allowing snowmobile traffic to and from the south end of Grayling to connect to the county's northern trail system. Without the connector, snowmobiles would have had to travel an additional 15 miles to reach the other trail system."

Specifically, the Through Town Connector links the Fred Bear Connector – a six-mile trail that connects the Frederic Trail



On Friday, January 31 several local people representing a variety of local groups participated in a dedication ceremony for the Through Town Trail Connector at the trail near the County Building. The ceremony included a speech by Chamber President Tim Zigila, who said the project got help from many people and organizations, including the Grayling Area Visitors Council, MDOT, Lake State Railway, Grayling Mini Mall, Grayling Country Club, AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, and many volunteers and donors.

and Kalkaska's Blue Bear Trail – with trails south of Grayling, including the Hanson Hills Trail and the Houghton Lake Trail.

From the north end, it runs from M-72 West along the railroad tracks south past the County Building to Grayling Country Club.

The trail goes behind the

Grayling Mini Mall and Glen's to Golf View Drive. After about 50 yards on Golf View Drive, the trail runs south in front of Patti's Towne House, Day's Inn, and Holiday Inn and connects with the trail network south of town.

The process of completing the trail has involved securing of right-of-way in several places,

clearing areas behind the mini mall, adding signage and fencing, and raising money for the project.

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association – a local group that grooms over 70 miles of snowmobile trail in Crawford County – has been grooming the trail.

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The other snowmobiler was injured, however left the scene on his severely damaged 1998 or 1999 Skidoo, believed to be an MXZ model, black in color. Witnesses said the snowmobile had severe front end damage and the skis were bent in an upward fashion.

Deputies are investigating the accident and have not been able to determine the identity of the driver of the "hit and run" snowmobile. Anyone with information regarding this accident is urged to contact Sgt. Baerlocher at (989) 348-4616, ext. 217 or write an e-mail to: sergeant@crawfordsheriff.org.

The third accident occurred at about 1:40 p.m. on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township, just north of Grayling High School.

Nineteen-year-old Lauren Aguanno of Fair Haven was traveling eastbound when her snowmobile left the trail and struck a tree, throwing the teen from the sled. Aguanno suffered a broken leg and other minor injuries. She was transported from the trail by the Frederic Fire and Rescue Snowmobile Sled, and then taken by ambulance to Mercy

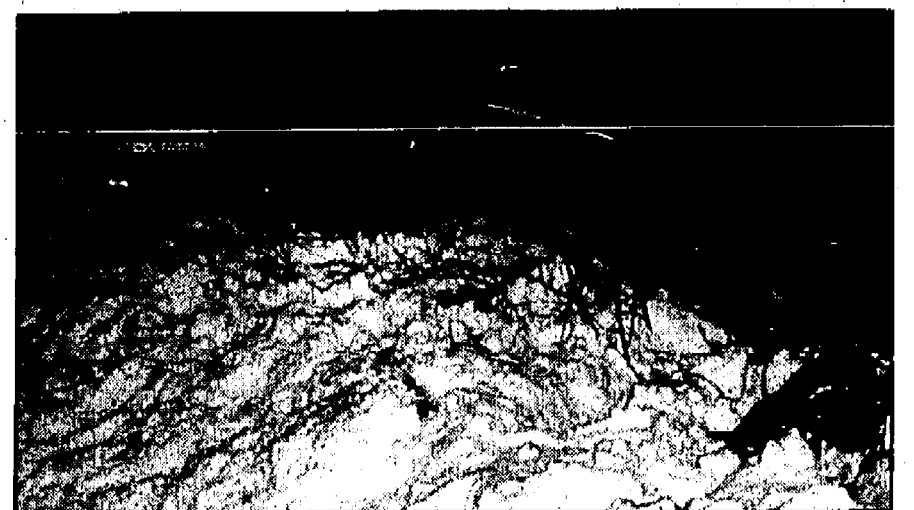


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Kenneth DeWyse's helmet lies near his snowmobile and the tree he struck last Saturday in Frederic Township. DeWyse died from extensive head injuries.

Hospital by Frederic Township EMS with MMR paramedics assisting.

Aguanno was wearing a helmet and alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Reese resident Kenneth James DeWyse, age 35, was killed in the fourth and final accident of the day occurred around 8:45 p.m. in Frederic Township on North Howes Lake Road near West Batterson Road.

Sgt. Baerlocher said DeWyse was traveling southbound when his snowmobile left the road and hit a tree. He was taken to Mercy

Hospital by Frederic EMS with MMR paramedics, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. DeWyse died from extensive head injuries. He was wearing a helmet.

Deputies were assisted by Michigan State Police Troopers out of Houghton Lake and determined that alcohol was a factor in the fatal accident.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt all snowmobilers to reduce their speed and, as with operating any motor vehicle, don't drink and drive.

Police to resume search for missing snowmobilers

HOUGHTON LAKE – The Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post have accepted an offer by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Dive Team to resume the search for two snowmobilers presumed drowned on Houghton Lake.

Sanilac County divers conduct routine ice-diving exercises each winter at Higgins Lake. This


year, the department has offered to combine their training with a renewed search effort for brothers David and Jody Sperry, who disappeared January 12 while crossing Houghton Lake on snowmobiles.

Sanilac County divers will meet with State Police and Roscommon County Sheriff's officials soon to map out a strategy for the search. Weather permitting, divers will enter the

water in early February.

Earlier searches by State Police and Roscommon County divers were suspended January 15 due to deteriorating ice conditions and poor visibility. Side-scanning sonar failed at that time to locate the snowmobiles that were driven by the brothers that might have led them close to the bodies.

Officials are hopeful that improved conditions will assist in the recovery effort.



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Alef named Booster of the Year

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has named John Alef the 2003 Booster of the Year.

Before over 130 of Alef's friends, colleagues and family members, Grayling Youth Booster Club President Rick Schmidt presented a timepiece plaque to the club's outgoing board member for his years of dedicated service.

The presentation was made at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's January 23 Business After Hours. The Booster Club was a co-sponsor of the event.

Alef has just retired from his 17-year position as the organization's Treasurer. He has been an active member since 1986, helping with many Booster Club events and raffles.

"John has been a tremendous asset to the Booster Club,"

Schmidt said. "We have always been able to depend on his expertise and will probably look to him for guidance in the future."

Alef accepted the award with many thanks to the Board and club members and confirmed he would be available if the club needs him.

Membership dues in the Grayling Youth Booster Club is \$5 annually or \$75 lifetime. During a historical presentation about the club made by Board member Max Tobin, he said, "Your \$5 membership in the Grayling Youth Booster Club is the best investment in town."

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has helped hundreds of local kids participate in sports, music, scouting and many other extracurricular activities and will continue to do so with help from businesses and individuals in the community.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling resident John Alef humbly accepts a time-piece plaque from the Grayling Youth Booster Club's Board of Directors, recognizing him for 17 years of service as its Treasurer.

Proposed DDA district expanded

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voted 3-1 to change the proposed district.

The changes include the addition of the Bear Archery property (now owned by local businessman Bill Gannon), the South I-75 Business Loop to the city limits, and the County Building.

With the alteration of the district, the February 26 public hearing had to be cancelled. It is up to the city council to select a new date for a public hearing if its members wish to proceed with the DDA process.

On Monday night, council members discussed the DDA issue and the size of the proposed district.

Councilman Roger Moshier and Mayor Dave Wyman both expressed concern that a district too large could hamper the city's general fund finances by capturing too much of its growth.

ing too much of its growth.

"The city's got to have something to survive on too," Moshier said. With increases in equipment costs and wages, "would we have to increase the millage to make up for the loss? The city has to survive without raising the millage."

Wyman said the city needs to find "balance" with regard to the district in order to be "fiscally responsible."

Councilman Dennis Palmer said that improving downtown through a DDA would result in addition of retailers and more employees working in the city, increasing the city's tax revenues.

Palmer said that although the DDA does capture increases within the district, effectively limiting what can be done with that amount of money, the bene-

fits of an improved downtown would "snowball" and the money lost to the DDA would be made up with increases outside the district (within the city) as the Grayling area improves and grows.

"We certainly don't want the DDA to become a detriment to the city," said Bill Gannon, a member of the city's DDA advisory committee. "If the city coffers do get drained, you can simply reduce the size of the district."

"It probably will never become an issue," he added.

"The DDA isn't forever," said Tim Zigala, DDA committee member. "It's done in phases. The district can be made smaller as projects get finished in an area."

Palmer made the motion to increase the size of the district.

Councilman Jerry Hayes provided a second. The motion passed 3-1 with Moshier voting "no." Moshier also voted "no" on January 13 with regard to setting the public hearing for February 26. (Councilman Brian Banda was absent.)

"I still have my concerns," Wyman said, "but I think we need a DDA."

Crawford Republicans attend state convention

The Michigan Republican Party held its State Convention in Grand Rapids, January 24-25, for the purpose of electing party officers. Attending from Crawford County were delegates Randy Black, Sam Moore, Sandy Moore, and Art Thayer. Alternates Kathy Black and Jerry Hayes also attended.

As a part of the convention, the First Congressional District caucused on Friday night. Thayer was elected as one of the six First District members on the Michigan State Republican Committee and Randy Black was elected to the 15-member First District Executive Committee for two-year terms.

This will be Thayer's 10th term on the state committee, having represented the 10th

District from 1984 to 1992 and the 4th District from 1992 to 2002 while Crawford County was in those Congressional Districts.

Kathy Black was unsuccessful in her bid for a spot on the State Committee.

On Saturday, the convention elected Betsy DeVos of Kent County as State Chairman. She previously served in that position from 1996 to 2000. In the election of six vice-chair positions, Sam Moore was unsuccessful in his bid for the Third or Youth Vice Chair position.

The convention also proposed three issues the state party will support. Issue One would remove the cap on the number of charter schools that can be chartered by a Michigan university.

Issue Two would require the Michigan Secretary of State to list all viable candidates from both major political parties on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot. Finally, Issue Three would show the Michigan Republican Party supports our Congressional delegates in Washington, D.C. and urges the elimination of the Capital Gains Tax.

State Chairman DeVos will be the main speaker at the Crawford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m., at Methodist Memorial United Methodist Church. Tickets for this event are available by contacting County Republican Chair Jim Minthorn at 348-1002 or Art Thayer at 348-7253.

Frederic man pleads guilty to attempted arson

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A Frederic Township man, charged with arson last summer after he tried to set fire to an old ice manufacturing plant, pled guilty to a lesser charge of attempted arson early last month. He is due to be sentenced early this month in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew made the plea after he and his attorney reached an agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, dismissing the original charge of arson of real property, a 10-year felony. Huss also agreed to drop a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge pending in 83rd District Court.

In his sworn testimony January 9, before Judge Dennis F. Murphy, Mayhew stated, "I tried to burn the old ice house" on County Road 612 in Frederic Township. He described how he stuck a piece of paper in a wall near some plywood and lit it on fire.

Frederic Township Fire personnel extinguished the fire quickly early in the evening of

August 16. The building suffered minor smoke damage.


Witnesses near the scene that evening identified Mayhew as the person who set the fire and told Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies investigating the fire that Mayhew watched the progress of the fire and work of the fire fighters from across the street.

The Sheriff's Office reported

last summer that Mayhew has a history of setting fires in the Frederic area.

Judge Murphy cancelled Mayhew's bond to ensure he continues to receive treatment from the local mental health agency while awaiting sentencing in the county jail.


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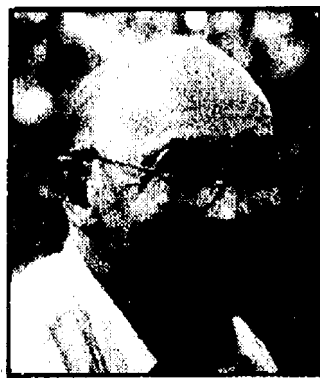
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Governor paints dire picture for news folks

When Governor Jennifer Granholm, keeping with tradition, met with about 300 or so editors, publishers and assorted news folks at the 2003 convention of the Michigan Press Association the other day, she painted a dark picture about what's ahead for Michigan government.

Most of the paint she used was red, as in red ink.

Ms. Granholm took on the task of explaining Michigan's budget problems without putting her listeners in a daze.

She did pretty well, too.

Most of the basic facts are well known: The state is already about \$300 million or so behind the eight ball in the 2002-03 fiscal year which is about one-third gone already.

In addition, Governor Granholm next month must present a balanced budget for the next fiscal year which begins in October. That one's a couple billion dollars behind.

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WHAT'S HER plan? Apparently it's cut, cut, cut and then cut again. She didn't outright promise no higher taxes, but

came pretty close. "I don't want to raise taxes," she said, "and my legislative partners don't want to raise taxes."

Ms. Granholm tried to turn the fiscal challenge she faces into a positive opportunity.

Think of it this way, she suggested to the news folks. The state has about \$38 billion to provide services to its people, and \$38 billion will pay for plenty of good, sound, needed services and programs.

So instead of cutting budgets, think of "building a different model" -- a \$38 billion model. "Think in a creative way," she said.

"I think we can do that," she said. "We can do great things." But "creating a new model" is only another way to size down the old model.

Ms. Granholm pointed out that "This is the people's money." Yes it is. It also is the people's government, and the people are the customers for all the things government does.

How much service from their government do the people need or want? How

much are the customers willing to pay for these services?

Those are not simple questions.

* * *

IT WAS A GOOD speech by the new governor, who also displayed a sprightly new style of gubernatorial speech making.

Most important, she seemed to have firm command of what she was talking about. Obviously she knew her facts and figures.

Many modern techniques important in modern communication methods also were obvious. She's up to date.

Governor Granholm roamed the stage with a microphone in hand, returning to the podium only occasionally to consult her notes. In questions from the floor, her attention was riveted on the questioner.

Charts and graphs comprised a "power point" presentation. She inserted a comical reference or two, and seemed completely at ease.

Her performance was filled with catch words and phrases now in vogue. About

100 legislators of both parties in the audience were never called that; they are "legislative partners."

The governor talked of her "cabinet members." There is no cabinet in state government as there is in Washington. She means heads of the various state departments.

To Ms. Granholm "structural problems" cause much budget difficulty. Taxpayers and users of state services are "stakeholders", and conferences always include "breakouts."

Private sessions with legislative leadership from both parties are "quadrant meetings." Working together becomes "collaborative." All in all, her stage manner is top notch, and very effective.

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FIRST AMENDMENT -- Governor Granholm struck a special chord with the Michigan Press Association on press freedom and access.

"My Dad told me never to do anything I wouldn't want to see on Page One of the New York Times," she said. That's sound advice.

She pointed out that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of the press not for the press but for the people. It's people freedom, not press freedom, Governor Granholm said.

A special MPA project this year to help the public recognize the importance of press freedom in America emphasizes that very point.

The First Amendment is designed to guarantee that people can know what's going on; the press is the conduit by which information gets to the people.

When efforts emerge to limit access by the press to courts, records or other governmental activities, the real victim is the public.

Newspapers serve as an agent of the people. Governor Granholm seems to know that fact...and so should more people.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Good things happened at animal shelter in 2002

To the editor,

The year 2002 has come and gone, and I'm not sure where it went. It seemed to fly by and was over before we knew it at the Animal Shelter. But, 2002 was a wonderful year for the animals who found their way there.

I know you have all heard me say this before, but things just keep getting better with the help of this community and all of the great volunteers we have. I thought you'd like an update about what's been happening and maybe some of last year's numbers.

Last January, a trailer was donated to us and we set out to turn it into a facility to house the many cats we receive. It became quite costly, but we received a \$2,000 donation (the donor wishes to remain anonymous) toward its completion and Grayling Township purchased seven beautiful cat cages for our use. It is nearly completed and it is beautiful.

The new cages are made of PVC and are light and easy to clean. The cats are not cramped together and they love it.

We replaced some old fencing, put a new roof on the shelter, and it got a new paint job. The east fence by the road com-

mission has been converted to 10' x 20' and 10' x 10' kennels, so fewer dogs have to be put on chains. We always seem to get a few that are determined to go over, under or through the fences. Two new storage were also purchased.

If you have not been to the shelter lately, we would love to have you come and see how great things look. I'm sure you'll like what you see.

In 2002, we took in a total of 359 dogs and puppies; 289 of them were strays. Only 36 of them were returned to their owners. The really good news is that 91% were placed in new homes, sent to Leader Dog school, or sent to rescue groups. We also took in 296 cats and kittens; 286 of them were strays. Sadly, only four were returned to their owners. We placed 86% of the cats and kittens in new homes or with rescue groups.

These are impressive numbers by any standard and when you consider that nearly all of them were strays, the numbers become even more impressive.

Not all of these animals were the cream of the crop when they came to us. Trying to place animals as opposed to euthanizing a large part of them is very cost-

ly, however. It takes a lot of time and effort to care for all of them and the food bills are high. Our utility bills have skyrocketed with the addition of the new cat area and our need for people to volunteer their time has increased.

I have always told you that this is a great community and it is only through your donations of time, money, supplies and other things that changes continue to be made possible at the Animal Shelter. I hope you are all as proud as I am of our accomplishments.

We need more people to spay and neuter their animals; unwanted puppies and kittens are still a problem. I would also love to see the day when people made responsible decisions about getting a new pet, when owners actually looked for their lost animals, and a day when people no longer felt it was okay to leave their animals along the roadside, in the woods, or shoved in a box at the shelter gates. Only you can make that day come.

Dixie Lobsinger
Vice President
Animal Shelter
of Crawford County
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VIEWPOINT

Michael LaFaive, Director of Fiscal Policy, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

State could save \$34 million with land sale

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy, as part of a forthcoming study recommending more than \$1 billion in budget savings, has found \$34 million worth of state agriculture department programs Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the new Legislature can start on as they search for ways to balance Michigan's over-stretched state budget.

In addition, the Center is recommending to lawmakers that the state fairgrounds in Escanaba and Detroit be sold for another \$59 million in one-time revenue.

Gov. Granholm is to be congratulated for setting a budget-cutting tone for her new administration. The fiscal pressure exerted by the current \$1.6 billion budget deficit gives lawmakers a chance to re-evaluate programs that are unnecessary or counterproductive, or which distort market mechanisms and incentives and would be better handled by the private sector.

Indeed, as Granholm herself recently told The Detroit News, "Any organization has things within it that are wants and not needs, and all of that needs to be reviewed." And as state Sen. James Barcia (D-Bay City) recently told the Michigan Information and Research Service, "Every government, from local to state to federal, has areas that can be trimmed without impacting the quality of life for your constituents."

Among the Mackinac Center's recommendations to Gov. Granholm and the new Legislature:

• Eliminate the Statistical

Reporting Service (SRS), a program of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), which maintains an agricultural database under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Most non-agricultural industries provide market information without government assistance. There is no reason to expect any less from the agriculture industry. Savings: \$435,100.

• End state funding and oversight of equine drug testing. Many sports monitor (drug use) without the benefit of state intrusion. Savings: \$509,000.

• End state funding and oversight of seed quality for farmers and seed dealers. If the industry believes it needs a central source of analysis to check the quality of seeds, it should use one of the many existing private agricultural associations -- or create a new one -- to do so. Savings: \$500,000.

• End Michigan's participation in the USDA's pesticide data program, which is a federal program administered by state governments. Michigan is one of nine states participating in the program voluntarily. This is another example in which the government provides market data other industries provide for itself. Savings: \$1,824,000.

• Eliminate the Agricultural Development Office (ADO). As one example of the Office's work, a grant agreement with the Midwest Nut Producers Council to "develop, test and devise a marketing strategy for... a chestnut puree and chestnut crumble." Private industry has its own

incentives for adding value to agricultural products. Savings: \$742,400.

• Eliminate the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council, which publishes color brochures and buys products, such as strawberries and asparagus, and distributes them gratis on Saturdays to travelers who stop at the New Buffalo Welcome Center. Savings: \$60,400.

• Get the State of Michigan out of the state fair business completely and sell both the Detroit and Escanaba state fairgrounds. As examples of what can be done instead: Seven Michigan counties and another 80 communities and associations run their own fairs. Barry County's Bill Ackerman, has run a private, for-profit fair for 24 years. Savings from not running fairs: \$6,324,600. One-time savings from sale of state fairgrounds: \$59 million.

The forthcoming study analyzing Michigan entire budget will offer more than 125 budget-cutting ideas for lawmakers searching for sources of savings. Throughout the budget-balancing process, Michigan legislators will need to make some hard choices about which programs and functions deserve state funding and which are best scaled back or eliminated altogether.

The Mackinac Center's budget analysis is aimed at making that process somewhat easier for lawmakers.

All \$34 million worth of recommended agriculture department savings may be viewed at www.mackinac.org/4984.

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Empty Bowls Benefit this Thursday

The Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold its 4th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit soup supper, to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, on Thursday, February 6, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the school located at 6470 Manistee in Frederic. Menu includes chili, soup, stew, hot dogs, chili dogs, breads, desserts and beverages. Buy a ceramic bowl, handmade and donated with pride by a Frederic student, for \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages six to 12 years (up to a maximum of \$15 per family) and enjoy the meal. Children age five and under eat free, but do not receive a bowl. All proceeds will go to the Help Center. "Let there be no empty bowls." For more information, call Renee Moery at 348-4470.

ABWA sponsors Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will host "Ladies Night Out" on Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. For a \$10 fee, ladies are invited to participate in cross country or downhill skiing. Fifteen-minute back massages by Kaye Thomas-Hogan will be offered, as well as hand waxing by A Cut Above. There will be a door prize and 50/50 raffle, and a meal including chili. This is an opportunity for women to pamper themselves and enjoy a night out with friends. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Grayling Township Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Women's heart screenings offered

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey will offer heart screenings to women over the age of 35 on Thursday, February 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The screening, to be held in the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, at 360 Connable Avenue (across from the hospital entrance), includes necessary tests to identify women at risk for heart disease and health professionals will be on hand to answer heart related questions. Screening fee is \$10, with free screening vouchers available for those who qualify. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (231) 487-4416.

KCC offers Valentine dinner theater

Kirtland Community College Theatre Arts Department and the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake will present a dinner theater production of "Love Letters," February 14 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. and February 16 at 12 noon in the Northern Lights Lounge. "Love Letters" is about a man and a woman who exchange love letters from the time they are second graders, until they grow old. Special Valentine packages are available: Dinner and show are \$25 per person February 14 and 15, or purchase dinner for two, the show and a standard room for \$109.95. Tickets for the February 16 luncheon performance are \$19.95 per person. For tickets, call (989) 422-5175 or stop in at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake, located at 9285 West Lake City Road.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary #106 will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Transplant support group to meet

The Organ & Tissue Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan meeting will be held Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the boardroom at Orsego Memorial Hospital, 825 North Center (US-27 North) in Gaylord. This meeting is for anyone interested in organ and tissue donation, those who have received or are waiting to receive an organ transplant, and organ donor families. For more information, call Bev at (989) 983-4188.

Band Boosters to address By-Laws

This month's Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be addressing revisions to the current By-Laws. All band parents are invited to attend on Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. If an advance copy of the By-Laws is needed, pick one up from Janet Gaffke at the school office.

GHS begins registration process for 2003-2004

The registration process for selecting courses for the 2003-2004 school year at Grayling High School began Wednesday, February 5.

Current high school students will receive their registration materials, and meetings have been held regarding special programs, such as the vocational offerings through C.O.O.R., and the Advanced Placement classes. All course request forms are due back to the counselors by February 20.

School staff will be assisting students by making recommendations regarding the most appropriate individual course selections.

Eighth grade students will be meeting with high school counselors and receiving their registration materials on Tuesday, February 18.

Scholarship money available through 'ethics' essay contest

The Briney Ethical Fund, established in 1999, is providing a scholarship in the amount of \$100 to the Grayling High School student whose essay on "Ethical Considerations in Politics and Government" is selected by The Briney Ethical Trustees, comprised of nine Grayling residents.

The essay contest is open to all Grayling High School students. The student whose essay is selected will receive a gift of \$100 to help defray the cost of college application fees.

The Briney Fund, invested with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, is dedicated to spending up to 50% of the earned income every other year, in the non-election years, beginning in 2003, to promote ethics in politics and government through a variety of public information and education programs. As The Briney Fund grows through gifts and investments, similar opportunities will be established with Interlochen Arts Academy, St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, and Santa Fe, NM, and Olivet College in Michigan.

Other projects include establishing an archive to house the essays, inviting prominent public figures to address challenges they have faced in public life and creating forums to educate and inform citizens of the significance of ethical considerations in government and politics.

For information about The Briney Ethical Fund, interested parties may look up the web site at: www.the-bet.org or contact one of the trustees.

Brochures, listing the names and biographies of the trustees are available through Grayling resident Ron Joyce. For essay contest guidelines, students may contact Lynn Thompson at

Grayling High School.

They will then be visiting the high school on Thursday, February 20, to meet with student senate members and to tour the facilities.

A parent information meeting will be held that same evening at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Counselors will return to the middle school to answer students' questions on February 21.

Registration materials should then be turned in to the office of GMS counselor Joni Metiva by February 28.

Parents are encouraged to contact Metiva at 344-3560 or GHS counselors Kathy Frederick and Lynn Thompson, at 344-3512, if they have any questions.

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Tickets now on sale for 'Charlie Brown'

► Production to help finance local singers' June trip to Vermont

The Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," will be presented at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Grayling, February 13-15.

The production is being presented by the Michelson Singers, a 10-voice vocal ensemble sponsored by the church.

Proceeds from the production will be used to help defray travel expenses for the group when it travels to Vermont in June, where they will perform at the von Trapp Mansion and the Stowe Community Church.

Certain time each evening is at 7 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per person. Tickets may also be purchased in advance from any group member or from the church office, located at 400 Michigan Avenue.

The Michelson Singers are also available for performances throughout northern Michigan. Their repertoire includes music of both sacred and secular nature. The group performs a good deal of gospel, however they also perform some of the more serious sacred music.

Highlighting of any performance of the Michelson Singers are their renditions of old standards, often those made famous by popular vocal groups of the 50s and 60s.

Any group interested in sponsoring a concert by the group may contact the church at 348-2974 or Director Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

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The Bible Speaks

Reagan's Forfeiture for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's sacrifice for freedom to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan paid a high personal price in suffering and loss because of his godly stand.

The first thing threatened by Reagan's stand was his personal reputation. Communists and liberals heaped constant attacks upon his character trying to discredit him. In Hollywood, he was branded a "fraud" who was talking "out of both sides of his mouth. They branded him a stooge, opportunist, and Fascist. The liberal media and his political opponents would develop and expand this theme. He was painted as "a man who spouts patriotic pieties and is ignorant of the world around him." Schweizer quoted historian Edmund Morris in his 874 page biography of Reagan as concluding, "Reagan is simply incomprehensible, an airhead who has lived a charmed life." Schweizer went on to say, "Diplomat Clark Clifford has called him an 'amiable dunce,' and Nicholas van Hoffman said it was 'humiliating to think of this unlettered, self-assured bumpkin being our president.' Tip O'Neill stated publicly, 'He knows less than any president I've ever known.' One scholar slurred his labors as 'the no hands presidency.' He was accused of being 'half-asleep,' and only having a 'seven-minute attention span.' To lib-

erals, the only person dumber than all the conservative Christian politicians is the most recent one elected. And the only people considered dumber are the uneducated masses that elect them.

The second thing threatened by Reagan's stand for God against communism was his family. His first wife Jane Wyman sued him for divorce because she claimed his whole life was taken up with the battle. She was apparently wooed and separated from her husband by a communist sympathizer. Reagan's youngest daughter, Patti Davis supported the nuclear-freeze and lobbied her father for the cause. Reagan feared he would lose his daughter like he lost his first wife. Reagan said after a meeting with activist Helen Caldicott and his daughter, "She seems like a nice, caring person, but she is all steamed up and knows an awful lot of things that aren't true. I tried but couldn't get through her fixation. For that matter I couldn't get through to Patti. I'm afraid our daughter has been taken over by that whole gang." Patti feared her father's refusal to embrace the nuclear freeze might lead to a nuclear holocaust. She said, "I shared Caldicott's fear about what the remaining years of my father's administration would bring." She later said, "I felt like I'd let down an entire movement." She apparently didn't realize she was letting down her own father and her entire nation instead.

Ronald Reagan knew that God, truth, and freedom are worth risking your personal welfare and reputation, and even your family and friends to defend. These were the very same risks our forefathers took when founding this great nation. Our nation rests upon faith in God's Holy Scriptures, The Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution. These documents of freedom are still worth fighting and dying for. As the apostle Paul said in Phil. 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Travelogue to visit amazing India

The title, "India - Beyond Imagining" tells it all. Much of what people see and hear in this upcoming Travel and Adventure Series offering will be beyond anything they've ever imagined.

Brought to Grayling through Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens.

The film includes familiar scenes and also extraordinary footage and commentary that will introduce the viewer to an India they never imagined, a truly mysterious realm.

The biggest surprise is diversity of many kinds -- language, ethnicity, religion, caste, wealth, and the land itself. Visit the Nagarjunasagar Dam, built entirely by hand with no foreign help. Visit rural India, colorful



Bullock carts travel through the puddled streets of South India during the summer monsoon season. Learn more about India and its people by attending the presentation of travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" on February 13.

and interesting bazaars, and see how ancient India and the ultra-modern India co-exist.

The travelogue is not without scenes of beauty: sunrises, the sea, jungles, mountains, temples, people and animals are all highlighted. India also has many traditional events and celebrations, many seldom seen by foreigners are featured in "India - Beyond Imagining."

The viewer will also be guided through the politics of India,

which embraces quotas and affirmative action. Archival footage of 1960s Peace Corps activities is sure to bring back memories for some viewers and the spiritual side of India will touch many.

Doors open on February 13 at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information, call 348-7146. The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling,

The Most Special Valentine Gift

Do you have a special "valentine" this year? Perhaps you have had the same Valentine for a lifetime...or for only a short while. Yet, as Valentine's Day approaches there are the same questions. Will my valentine remember what day it is? Should I leave a little hint? Maybe the dilemma is, "I need a special gift for my sweetheart. What will it be?"

This year can be different. Material gifts are fine, of course, but the greatest gift you can give that special love in your life...that treasured relationship...is not one you can buy. It is priceless.

That gift is the one you give away when you give your heart to God this Valentine's Day. In Hosea 2:19-20, the Lord said, "And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord." Knowing the Lord as a couple is the greatest gift you can give yourselves to ensure the closeness you crave and to strengthen your bond when the world threatens to separate you.

Won't you worship together this week? If you don't yet have that special person in your life, that's all right, too. God has a plan for each of us that belong to Him.

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Galatians 5:1-15	Colossians 3:1-17	Psalms 107:1-16	Psalms 107:17-32	Psalms 107:33-43	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 16:1-14

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday.....7 pm

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

The Church of Christ
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Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church.....11 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman
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348-5224
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
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Church School.....9:45 am
Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

Friendship Church
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Sunday School.....10 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
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Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

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Family Mass.....10:00 am
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Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
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Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

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Morning Worship.....10:30 am
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Wednesday
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Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Victor Edwards (right) called the bidding at the Crawford County United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction, held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. About 150 people braved snowy driving conditions on January 25 to attend the annual event, which raised over \$9,000 for the local United Way, bringing the organization up to 68% of its \$60,000 goal. Several businesses, organizations, and individuals donated items for sale at the auction, making C.A.R.E. Night a true community event.

New novel addresses post traumatic stress

► Retired KCC instructor writes romantic novel about recovery

Roscommon resident, Ida Mae Ireland, has published her first book, *From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale*.

Ireland describes the book as a romantic novel of the west, revolving around the theme that life restores after tragedy -- "this theme which touches every reader's experience, either directly or vicariously," she said.

The book's heroine, Casey Garrett, suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and gradually succumbs to the horrors of a seemingly forgotten trauma. Her spine-tingling story showcases the healing power of family love.

From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale unfolds in pristine Montana wilderness during elk season. Garrett, world-renowned guide, experiences puzzling flashbacks and frightening nightmares while she contends with a rogue hunter.



and survives an employee's treachery, a grizzly attack and a fierce mountain blizzard. Garrett's loving family, both in this life and beyond it, nourishes her ability to expunge stress disorder demons.

Wilderness adventures and the heroine's unique story set *From Ashes* apart from other western novels. Multi-level plot development captures readers' imagina-

tions through human encounters and wilderness descriptions and scenes. Ireland said readers gain insight into the mysterious horrors of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the inexorable progress of the illness. Most importantly, she said, readers will applaud Garrett's recovery through the power of family love, abetted by professional assistance.

Ireland was born in Michigan, but called Colorado home for about 25 years. She holds a Master's Degree in English from the University of Denver.

Now in her 60s, she is back home and retired after teaching classes for three semesters at the Kirtland Community College's Writing Lab. She also taught basic writing courses for college students and developed a writing manual for company employees in her 50s.

She is a member of the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers and Women Writing the West organizations in Colorado. She also attends writers conferences in Michigan, Montana and Colorado. She is a new member

of the Order of the Eastern Star in Roscommon.

For more information about the book, to read excerpts from the author, or to find out how to order an autographed copy of *From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale*, or log on to Ireland's web site at: www.askidamae.com.

Fairy tales can come true...

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(www.glassslipperproject.org) in Chicago, Illinois, which has out-fitted, in 2002 alone, more than 1,000 young ladies to be the "belle of the ball" at their high school prom. The project, run by volunteers, accepts donations of new or almost-new formal dresses and accessories, and then provides them free of charge to girls unable to purchase their own prom gown.

"The Glass Slipper Project is an excellent idea," said Niederer. "I have e-mailed every girl in my address book to let them know there is a good place for the gowns they probably won't ever wear again."

Niederer has prepared a box containing five formal dresses, accessories, costume jewelry, shoes and purses to donate to the Glass Slipper Project. "I don't know of any organization that does this sort of thing around here, so I am going to hopefully make a dream come true for some girls in Chicago," she said.

Niederer's mother, Patti Coe, estimates shipping the box will only cost about \$10, so she hopes many other young ladies and women in Crawford County will clean out their closets and donate to the Glass Slipper Project. Coe said she is willing to pay the

postage for anyone who would like to send a gown or two to the project, but can't afford the cost. If enough people respond locally, Coe said she is willing to have her home serve as a "collection site." Coe can be reached most evenings at 348-8653.

The Glass Slipper Project "accepts dresses appropriate for a high school student to wear to her prom. Dresses must be in current style and excellent (new or almost new) condition." Dresses should be dry cleaned and on hangers, if possible. Unopened cosmetics and new hosiery are also acceptable donations, along with clean shoes, purses, jewelry and accessories, in excellent condition. Dresses size 16 and larger are in great demand.

Monetary donations are also welcome to help cover the costs of renting spaces and furniture for the project's "giveaway boutiques" where every recipient is assigned a "fairy godmother" to help her find the perfect dress.

The Glass Slipper Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information about the project, visit the web site listed above or call (312) 409-4139.

Niederer said she had fun during her high school years networking with other local girls to

get the most out of their formal wear purchases, and is now excited about doing this good deed for girls she has never met. "It's nice to know I can help some girls in Chicago feel like Cinderella, especially a high school senior wishing to go to her Senior Prom."

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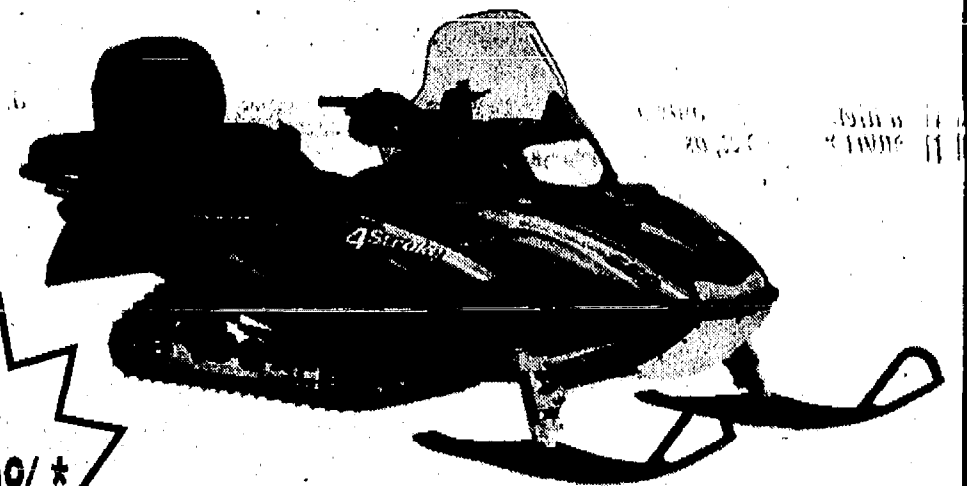
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Below: Troop #993 Polar Bear Equipment from Camp Grayling. L to R: Gage Thomason, Andrew Kane, Mike Kane, Kyle Halstead.



Above: Troop #3993 First Year Webelos. Leaders Joni & Mike Duncel, Brian Aimesbury and Kim Halstead, Matt Duncel, Josh Aimesbury, Max Murray, Kevin Halstead, Brent Steffey, Corey Kiessel, & Scott Wejrowski.



Troop #993 Sledding. L to R: Jon Kane, Gage Thomason, Kyle Halstead



Troop #995 Viking Patrol, Fire Building at the AuSable District Winter Klondike. L to R: Jacob Reynolds, Richard Haight, Chris Bonnington, Tom Pilon, Alex Millar, Matthew Haight.



Troop #3993 First Year Webelos. L to R: Matt Duncel, Kevin Halstead, Brian Aimesbury, Corey Kiesel, Amanda Murray, Max Murray, Scott Wejrowski, Brent Steffey, Kyle Halstead, Josh Aimesbury.



Troop #979 Back L to R: Nick Grougan, Nick Steffey, Scott Grougan ASM, Bob Lane ASM, Jeff Steffey ASM, Loren Goodale SM, Henry Lane; Front L to R: Wesley Lane, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Tyler Steffey, Derek Smith, Aaron Stephan, AS Baker, Ethan Tilson. Not shown: Adam Hoppe, Alex Kootner

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Fitness center under new ownership

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

When Tracy and Ken Randall, of Mt. Clemens, purchased the Grayling Curves, formerly known as Curves for Women, in December, it became the 12th one they own in the lower peninsula. Ken opened Michigan's first Curves store in May 1998. There are now 350 in the state.

The grand re-opening was held January 20 and offers extended hours and a diet plan. Members can get a travel pass from this center and use it when visiting elsewhere.

Employees, Lisa Schiesler, Michelle Pavey and Deanna Miller, have all undergone extensive training to show people how to use the machines properly and do the workouts.

A workout takes 30 minutes and at least three workouts each week are recommended. In fact, members who don't show up for a while are contacted to find out if everything is ok.

The age range for local members is 11 - 80. For more information, call 348-1055.

Card of Thanks

Grayling Recreation Authority wishes to thank the Grayling Youth Booster Club and the Crawford AuSable School District for partnering with us at Hanson Hills to provide the third and fourth grade free ski program. This program has 114 students registered this year to learn a valuable life skill.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
Week ending February 2 - \$25 each: George Wolfe, Paul Thomson, Ted Stephan (2).

Local road worker retires after 42 years



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Road Commission

Road Commission Board Chairman Ken Riehle (left), accompanied by Commissioner Jim Burch (right), presents a plaque to Jerry Pratt (center) commemorating his 42 years of service to the citizens of Crawford County at a retirement ceremony held at the Road Commission garage on January 17. Pratt recently retired from the Crawford County Road Commission. He originally started at the Road Commission on August 16, 1960. "Jerry's presence will be greatly missed. The commissioners, staff and crew of the Road Commission wish him well in his retirement," said Don Babcock, Road Commission Managing Director.

Card of Thanks

Grayling Recreation Authority wishes to thank Charlotte Mosel at the Bloomington Grape and Tony Thomson for their generosity in fundraising on behalf of GRA and Hanson Hills. Both parties volunteered to help a situation that they see as important to our community and definitely needy and worthy of their effort. It is wonderful people like Charlotte and Tony will help Hanson Hills and Grayling Recreation Authority remain the treasure that it is for our community for years to come.

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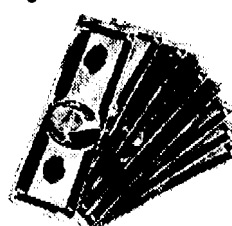
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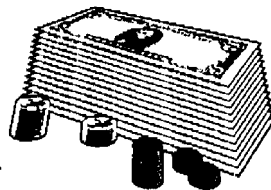
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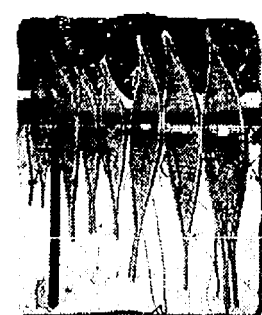
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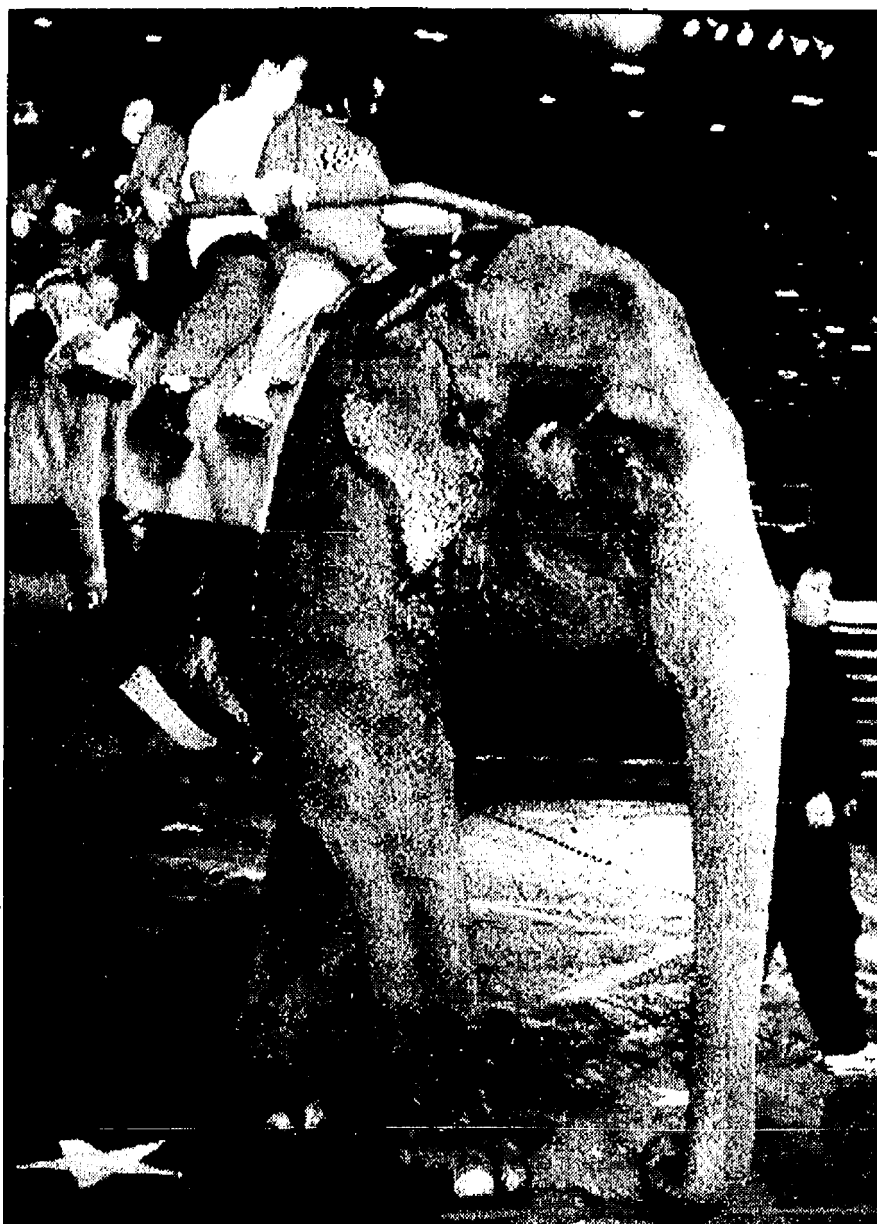
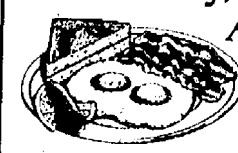


Photo courtesy of the Shrine Circus Club of Grayling

The Shrine Circus Club of Grayling loaded up two Crawford AuSable school buses with 90 fifth graders from Grayling and Frederic Elementary Schools on January 25 for a trip to the 2003 Shrine Circus in Saginaw. The Club invites all fifth graders to be their guests for an outing to the circus each year. Local merchants and Shriners provide the tickets and lunch for the event; and the school district provides the bus drivers and busses, therefore there is no cost to the students and their parents and allows any fifth grader who wishes to attend. Some students may be lucky enough to hitch a ride on an elephant while at the circus.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Frederic Community Library

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Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

Wednesdays, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Devereaux Library, bring your pages and join the Paper Dolls for scrapbooking work and sharing. This is an informal group where anyone can work on their projects and share their equipment.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Devereaux Library, stop by for Story Hour with Rae Ann. Enjoy stories, film strips, songs, plays, and games. Targeted for ages 3-5, but all are welcome.

The library has received a copy of *Kaleidoscope* magazine containing an article by Grayling resident, Cathy Lester, mentioned in the January 30 issue of the *Avalanche*. The article is an interview with British actor, Nabil Shaban. Though confined to a wheelchair, Shaban is the co-founder of Graeae, the world's first professional disabled theater company. His television documentary, "The Skin Horse,"

which dealt with love, sex and disabilities, was the winner of an Emmy and a Peabody Award.

On Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m., join the Grayling Computer Club for their monthly meeting. New members welcome.

On Tuesday, February 11 at 1 p.m., watch the Library Board in action and share your comments. The public is welcome.

On Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m., The Gideons gather to plan and support Bible distribution in the county.

On Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m., join the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited at their monthly meeting. New members welcome.

On Monday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m., join the Friends of Crawford County Library at their monthly meeting. New members welcome and very much encouraged to attend. Join at the library any time. Following the meeting will be a work day to inventory all the furniture and equipment in the library.

On Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Jason Elk will discuss "How to Cope with Arthritis" with all those interested. Drop in to hear what he has to say on the subject and ask any questions you may have.

For more information, call the library at 358-9214.

HONORS

Michigan Technological University

More than 1,300 students were placed on the fall 2002 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, vice provost and dean for student affairs, reports that 260 students (indicated by asterisks) earned "straight A" averages of 4.0, with 904 attaining GPAs from 3.50 to 3.99. The following students from our area were honored: Erica L. Crudo, of Waters, a senior studying Biological Sciences; Megan E. Donaldson*, of Roscommon, a senior studying Chemical Engineering; David A. Huffman, of Roscommon, a senior studying Electrical Engineering; Scott A. Latusek, of Frederic, a freshman, studying Chemical Engineering; Michael P. Latusek, of Frederic, a Senior studying Chemical Engineering; and Jesse M. Mowrer, of Grayling, a senior, studying Civil Engineering.

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Realty offices changes hands

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Brokers Kevin and Laurie Jamison have become the new owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty. The Jamisons purchased the realty from Jim Van Der Laan in May 2002. Laurie had been serving as office manager for four years.

Laurie had just returned from maternity leave, when Van Der Laan asked if she and her husband were interested in buying the business. Since they wanted to own their own business and planned to raise their family here, they decided to take the plunge.

With the purchase, the Jamisons became the new owners of four franchises: They sold one, and kept the ones in Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake.

Laurie said there were very few changes when they took over the business because she had



Photo by Susan Warrington

Brokers Laurie Jamison (pictured) and her husband Kevin Jamison (not shown), are the new owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty.

essentially been running the business for the previous four years.

In the past year, Laurie said,

the business has grown 15 percent in spite of the sluggish economy. "People still need homes," Laurie said.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 53 complaints during the two week period from January 20 through February 2:

Nine traffic accidents, one private property accident, one civil infraction, one traffic control, seven larceny, six civil law violations, four juvenile, three alarm response, two traffic assists, four disorderly persons, three suspicious situation, three drunk driving, four disturbing the peace, one property damage, five assists to other departments, two domestic disputes, 19 city ordinance, 31 unclassified, and ten traffic warnings.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of January 27-February 2:

Fifteen traffic accidents, 11 non-traffic accidents, one parking violations, three accidents - all other, one school bus inspection, one civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, 14 general non-criminal, five delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, four larceny, one larceny - parts & accessories, two damage to property, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, one family offense/abuse/neglect, one liquor law violation, two resisting officer, six public peace/disorderly, three health and safety, two driving violations/DWLS, etc., two driving on revoked/

suspended/refused.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

Skip and I would like to express our gratitude to the community of Grayling and those who have chosen us to receive the honor of being Citizens of the Year. As life long residents to the Grayling area we have strong ties and feelings for this community. We truly believe this is a wonderful place to reside and raise a family. There are many trade offs in life but it is worth them to live in such a great community. Thank you for your thoughts and help in making this a better place to live.

Skip and Gail Madsen

Tobacco settlement, other grants available

North Central Michigan Community Foundation and the Crawford County Youth Advisory Council are accepting common grant, Tobacco Settlement grant, and Youth Advisory Council grant applications.

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2003.

Non-profit agencies and organizations in Crawford County are invited to apply. For more information, or to obtain a grant application, contact Dawn Hoggard toll-free at 1-877-354-6881 or e-mail hoggard@alpena.cc.mi.us.

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Northwood University

Veronica J. Scheer, a Northwood University junior from Grayling, was granted the Don Foss/NIADA Annual Scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year. She is the daughter of Brad Scheer, also of Grayling.

The Don Foss/NIADA scholarship was established in 1999 by the Don Foss Family Foundation. Multiple scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in Automotive Marketing at any one of the three Northwood University campuses.

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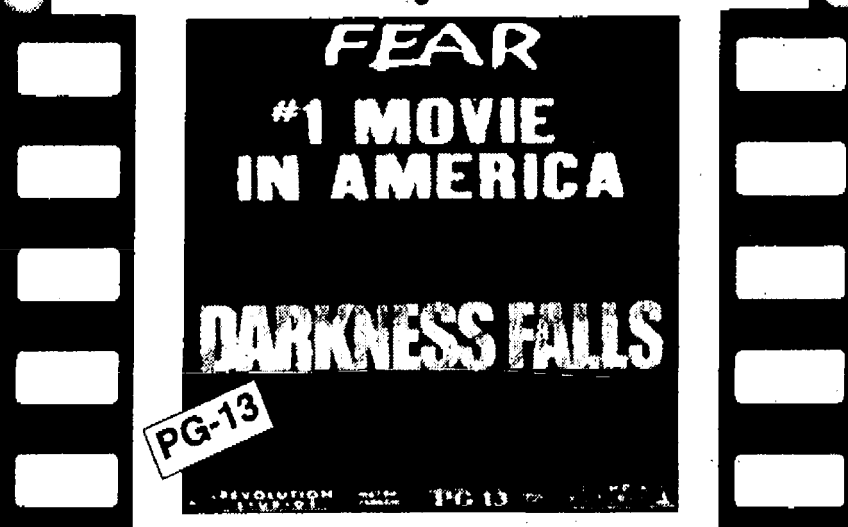
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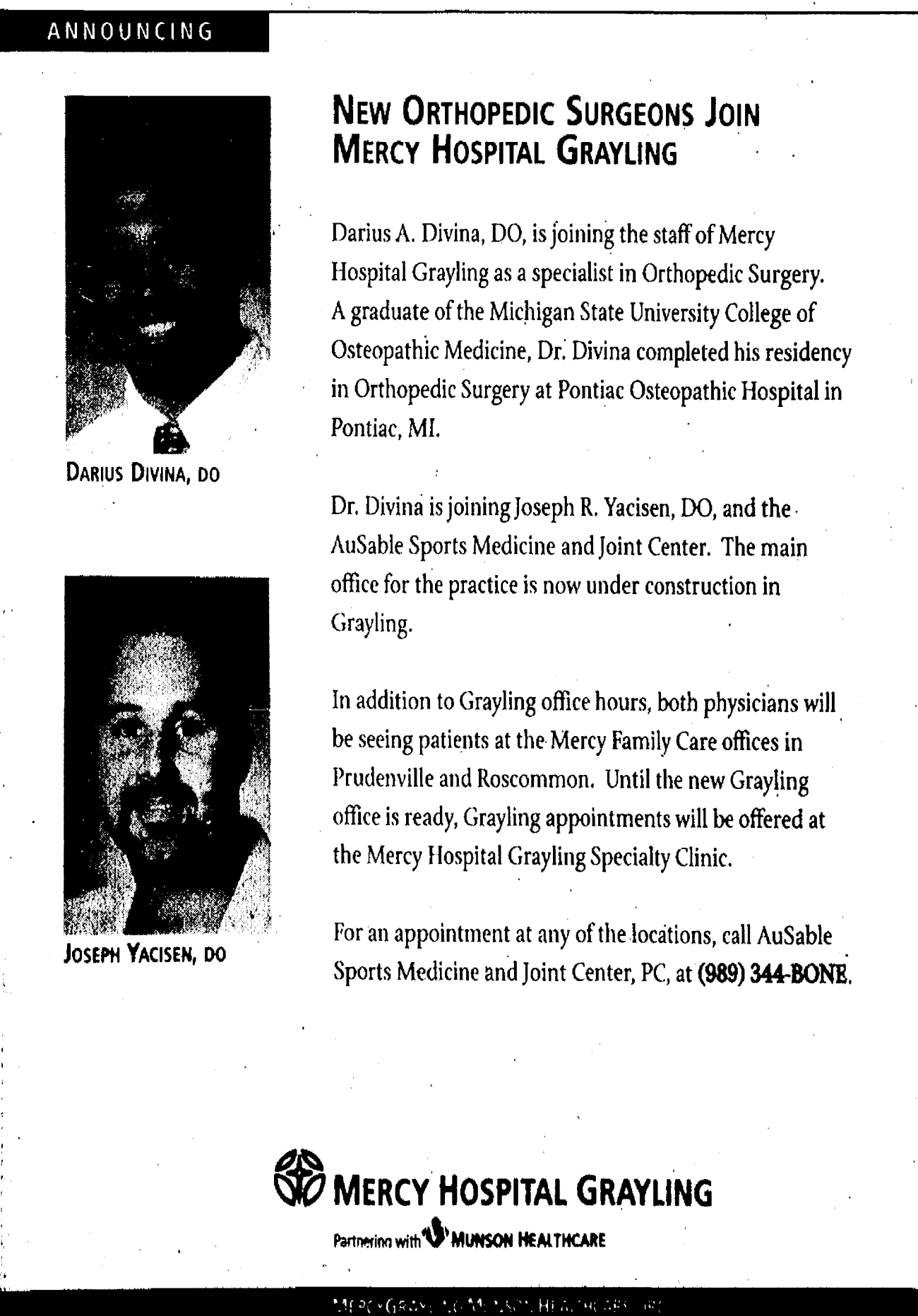


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Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

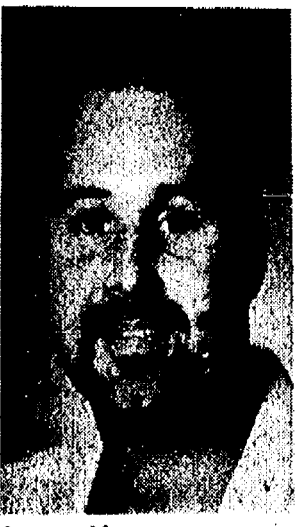
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6th Grade All "A" Honor Roll Peter Alexander, Jacob Aubry, John Cochrane, Kelly Cousineau, Spencer Dean, Brianna Farrell, Ryan Foguth, Kara Holland, Alyssa Lewis, Arieal Lynch, Hailey McMahon, Aaron Nemeth, Jimmy Osga, Alexandra Piehl, Brett Prieskorn, Emily Sloan, Hannah Smith, Ross Teeple, Weston Willoughby "B" Honor Roll Ethan Abbe, Jessica Bindschatel, Laura Boylan, Chelsea Chamblee, Ashley Cole, Bethany Cornell, Elizabeth Dandy, Thomas Dean, Joseph Emmons, Justin Farnsworth, William Fowler, Jarrod Fulton, Alex Gabriel, Kelsey Gilbert, Mollie Golnick, Cory Graves, Dillon Helsel, Jessica Kolka, Casey Krajenka, Trent Larm, Miescha McCuan, Kyle McQueen, Elizabeth Myers, Jacob Myers, Meagan Myers, Courtney Nelson, Hemal Patel, Vickie Pegouskie, Talia Piper,	Jason Plantz, Chelsea Prosser, Travis Ransom, Zachary Rasmusson, Sierra Reynolds, Tyler Steffey, Aaron Stephan, Leigha Stevens, Cory Stout, Joshua Vansickle, Hilary Warsko, Meghan Wyskiel, Leeanna Yost, Michael Zill 7th Grade All "A" Honor Roll Jessica Baker, Ryan Cooper, Jason Drudge, Kara Edgerton, Jesica Fowler, Kyle Jensen, Matt McDonald, Ethan Neuberger, Monica Peters, Cassandra Pizzi, Christopher Wells "B" Honor Roll Audrey Alimenti, Shentele Apps, Laura Babbitt, Raymond Bennett, Joshua Bofysil, Gabrielle Calkins, Kristi Calkins, Renee Clair, Eva Clark, Andrew Currison, Leroy Decker, Rachel Doremire, Kimberly Dougherty, Krista Feeney, Fawn Filley, Stephanie Gaff, Jamie Hagerman, Chelsea Hanson, Tiffany Henderson, Lacey	Hollingsworth, Reid Holzbauer, Jessica Hoppe, Andria Howe, Robert Hubbard, Krystal Larson, Mathew Latuszek, Matthew Letts, Krista Lile, Ethan Lynch, Cody Malone, Richard McNamara, Annie Melroy, Nathan Pickell, Ashley Pickett, Brandon Piehl, Lucas Pippin, Mindy Ray, Sheena Russell, Charlotte Savelio, Richard Schreiber, Joshua Seal, Stormy Shriver, Julie Sell, Timothy VanNuck, Jorden Wakeley, Lindsay Wakeley, Rachel Ward, Kristina Weiso, Soua Xiong, Andrew Yost Kathryn Zill 8th Grade All "A" Honor Roll Rachel Gibbs, Amanda Jackson, Ashley Jurkovich, Alexandria Mosel, Nicholas Parkinson, Nathan Peters, Robert Ramaswamy, Rachel Sells, Jamie Shaw, Doug Slater, Stevie Stromski, Nicholas Tompkins "B" Honor Roll Hank Abney, Oleksandr	Avramenko, Jeffery Bancroft, Jonathon Bartha, Patrick Belcher, Angela Bickmann, Ashley Bindschatel, Jessica Bobenmoyer, James Boylan, Michael Boylan, Alex Brackenbury, Megan Burrick, Joel Collin, Ross Crawford, Ali Ferrigan, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Adam Gosicki, Glenn Hampton, Cammie Rae Harrington, Jeffery Harwood, Charles Hughes, Amanda Hulbert, Mallory Johnson, Jonathan Kane, Corey Kirk, Kelly Lange, Sarah Lonic, Carlos Ledesma, Monica Leslie, Angela Martella, Mark McDaniel, Erica Moggo, Amanda Moran, Katie Murray, Candice Odden, Scot Olson, Mandy Pittman, Justin Riehle, Jacquelyn Roberts, Jessica Sanfilippo, Cory Shear, Nicholas Steffey, Brittney Stoddard, Patricia Thomson, William Weaver, Abby Wheeler, Kevin Whitney, Andrew Wilson, Amber Wright, Dorothy Zarnick
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THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third grade class has been studying the three main Native American Indian tribes of Michigan: the Potawatomis, Ottawas and Chippewas, also known as "The Three Fires." To finish off the study, the students had to choose two tribes to compare against each other, write a three-paragraph report, and then make a diorama.

Mrs. Pam Alexander and Mrs. Cheryl Hatfield's first grade classes had another visit with the residents of Mercy Manor. On this trip, they played Bingo and received prizes.

To tie into the second grade science curriculum, Nate and Jennifer Herden from Midland brought their live animal show, "Oasis," in for the children to see and learn from the different kinds of animals and their habitats.

Together, the Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools recently hosted "Reading Night." About 120 parents, along with more than 130 children attended the event. The theme for the evening was "Chinese New Year."

It all started with a Chinese dinner, followed by building principals Mrs. Barbara Mick and Mrs. Angela Kocab's introduction of the 2003 English Language Arts MEAP format. They emphasized how the complexity of the test requires students to bring together all of the skills of reading and writing they have learned throughout the grades.

While parents received the MEAP information, the children were playing fun reading games. Families reunited and got a glimpse of what the skill of retelling (a comprehension strategy) looks like at their own child's grade level. Each child left with a new reading book to take home. Feedback from the evening was very positive, with many requests of conducting a similar event with math. A "Math Night" is being planned for February.

With the help of the Box Tops for Education fund, students from both schools enjoyed a Sports Science assembly recently. Jeff Kocab, of Dynamic School Assemblies, talked about physical science and the three main principals of Newton's Laws of Physics. Kocab used sports to demonstrate how gravity, inertia, and action/reaction work. For example, to explain inertia, Kocab put on a pair of roller blades emphasizing "if you push it, it keeps moving."

The Acting Up Theatre Company worked with the second and multi-age classes where each class based their play on

"The Six Pillars of Character." Classes chosen "off to topics such as "Respect," "Citizenship," "Trustworthy," and "Fairness."

The students worked all week on choosing the topic, writing the play, and rehearsing. The final performance was on Friday. It was a wonderful learning experience; it gave the students an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Two thumbs up!

***A quick reminder: Children are required to go outside for recess. They need to be properly dressed for the weather. Please remember hats, gloves, snow pants, jackets, and boots. Also, please make sure children's belongings are clearly labeled with their names. There are a lot of "black snow pants" with unclaimed owners.

MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. 1st Class Paul W. McNamar of Grayling, a member of Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Col. Dennis Hull, Camp Commander.

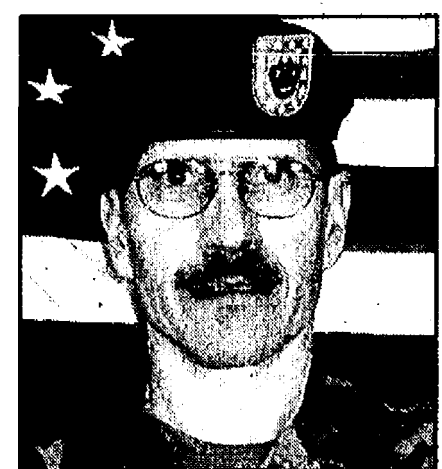
McNamar was recognized for meritorious achievement while assigned as senior Non-Commissioned Officer for the Camp Grayling Ammunition Supply Point.

He has been a key asset to the Ammunition Supply Point providing leadership and expertise. His achievements reflect great

upon himself, the Ammunition Supply Point section, Camp Grayling, the Maneuver training Center and the Michigan Army National Guard.

McNamar has been a member of Maneuver Training Center since July 1983. He is a full time employee at Camp Grayling.

He is assigned as a Material Handler at the Ammunition Supply Point.



SFC Paul W. McNamar

ATTENTION RECYCLERS

The Grayling Township Recycling Center on North Down River Road has changed the way it takes many recyclable items according to the following list:

Yes - Newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, TV Guides, Reader's Digest, computer paper, office paper, coupons, junk mail; envelopes (all may be packaged together).

No - Carbon paper

Yes - Cardboard, pizza boxes, paperboard, cereal boxes (all may be packaged together, but must be empty of insert material).

Yes - Clear glass (labels need not be removed, but jars must be rinsed).

No - Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses, pyrex, light bulbs or colored glass.

Yes - Plastic #1 (clear) & #2 (colored) jugs including beverage, detergent, bleach, etc. (Please rinse and discard caps).

No - Hazardous material jugs including oil, gas, poisons, etc.

Yes - Milk jugs (Please rinse and discard caps).

Yes - Tin cans (Please rinse, but labels need not be removed).

No - Aerosol and hazardous material cans.

Yes - Styrofoam including packing material, meat trays, etc.

Yes - Aluminum foil and foil pans (Please rinse).

Yes - Aluminum cans

The Grayling Township Recycling Center is open to the public

Tuesday ~ 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday ~ 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Marguerite "Marge" Oliver

Sept. 29, 1911 - Jan. 27, 2003
Marguerite "Marge" Oliver, age 91, of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital on January 27. She was born on September 29, 1911 in Bay City.

The former Marguerite C. Roth was married to Verne C. Oliver, who preceded her in death on January 3, 1978.

Mrs. Oliver was a homemaker who lived in Grayling most of her life. She was a member of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, and a faithful member at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling. She was active in "Quilting for Missions", and enjoyed working with and being with her church family.

Mrs. Oliver loved to fly fish and also ice fish, when her health permitted her to do so. She enjoyed living in her log cabin house on the Manistee River. She loved the company of her friends and neighbors, and a good "pizza."

Marge was a volunteer at Mercy Hospital for 40 years, doing many tasks. People will remember her for working the front desk at the hospital. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross for over 25 years, and delivered "Meals on Wheels." Marge helped many people by running them to their appointments and helping with errands.

She is survived by one brother, Conrad (Maureen) Roth of Bay City; one niece, RoseAnn (Gary) Jacques of Saginaw; one nephew, Conrad (Jody) Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; one great nephew, Gary Lee (Lynn) Jacques of Hemlock; two great nieces, Lee Ann (Greg) Chandler of Kalamazoo and Jennifer (Michael) Miller of Battle Creek; one great grandniece, Kym Robin Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; one great grand-nephew, Joey Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; great great grandnephew, Alex Miller of Battle Creek; great great grandnieces, Katlin Miller of Battle Creek, and Laura and Carrie Jacques of New Hampshire.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 30 at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Reverend Steven Thiel officiated with burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

HONORS

Spring Arbor University

Spring Arbor University announced that Kelly Kiefer of Grayling was named to the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, students must hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Northwood University

Northwood University announced that Veronica J. Scheer of Grayling was named to the Dean's List for the fall term.

Adrian College

Adrian College Theatre department will present *The Trojan* written by Euripides. Colby G. Davis, of Grayling, will portray a Trojan woman. Colby is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis and is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School.

Betty L. Kunkel

Feb. 18, 1927 - Jan. 28, 2003

Betty L. Kunkel, age 75, of Grayling, died Tuesday, January 28 at Bortz Health Care of Rose City. She was the last of nine children born on February 18, 1927 in Detroit to James and Harriet (Lane) Spaulding.

Betty was married to Doyle W. Kunkel on June 21, 1958 in Hazel Park. He preceded her in death on January 4, 2001.

Mrs. Kunkel was the former owner and operator of Aunt Betty's Restaurant in Grayling, and a member of the V.F.W. and Eagles Club. Her hobbies were cooking and playing cards.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Linda Templeton of Prescott and three grandchildren, Christopher, Melinda and Andrew Templeton.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 7 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Oakview Cemetery Chapel in Royal Oak. Burial will be at Oakview Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Faye Marie Ward

February 2, 2003

Faye Marie Ward, age 82, of Walled Lake, died Sunday, February 2.

Faye was married to Frederick T. Ward on October 2, 1938 in Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Ward.

Surviving Faye is her husband Frederick; her children Terry (Linda) Ward, Robin Ward, Rick Ward, Vicki Moon, Faye (William) Holden, Jaye Ward and Tom Green; her 13 grandchildren and her 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, February 5 at 11 a.m. at the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Road, White Lake.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Mike L. Stein, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Stein is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the

Wolcott, D'Amour to wed



Michael Alan D'Amour and Arica Kathleen Wolcott

Jeff and Tanya Wolcott, of Grayling, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Arica Kathleen, to Michael Alan D'Amour, son of Monty and Patty D'Amour, also of Grayling. An August 9, 2003 wedding is planned.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

February:

6 - Shepherd's Pie/Roast Beef; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar at 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

7 - Swiss Steak/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 a.m.

8 - Foot Clinic (Bring Towel) and Pool League at 1 p.m.

10 - Hamburger and Cheese Shells/Pork Roast; Stag Cards at

12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

11 - Baked Cod/Wiener Schnitzel; Date changed for Grayling Nursing Center. It will be the last Tuesday of the month (25th at 10 a.m.); Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m. and Housing Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

12 - Stuffed Peppers and Hamburger Stroganoff; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m., CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m. and White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: We stand tallest when we stoop to help others - we all shine brightest when we rise to the occasion.

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post

Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

CRAWFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN DAY "LINCOLN DAY DINNER"

When: Thursday, February 20, 2003
Social Hour 5:30 P.M.
Dinner Served at 6:30 P.M.

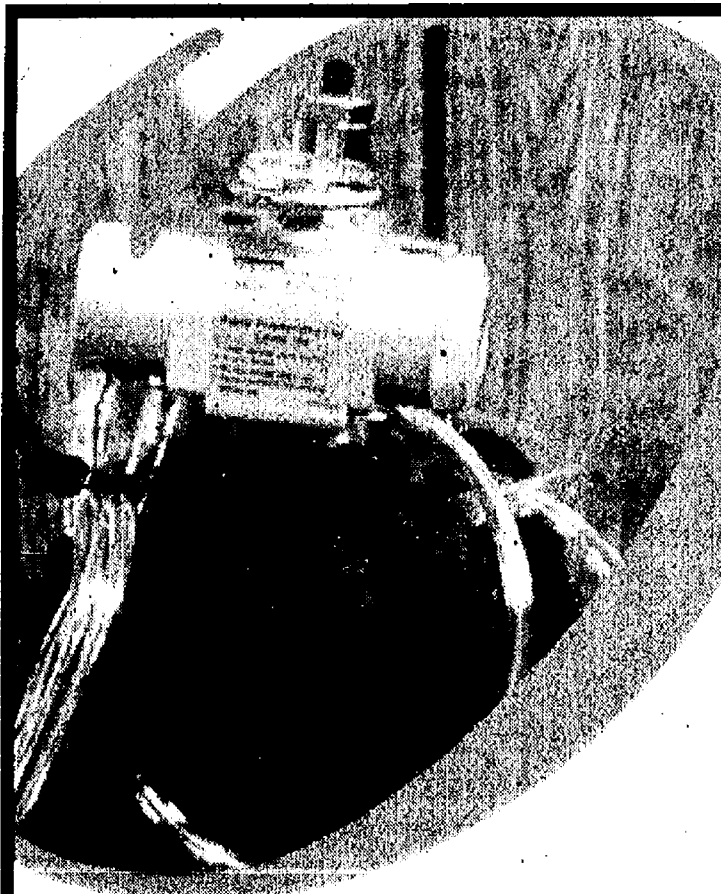
Where: Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

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"YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER"

Museum Board honors volunteers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The plaque reads "Donna Carmean," but its recipient said she couldn't do everything she does for the local historical museum without a lot of help from her husband, Jim.

Grayling resident Donna Carmean was recently recognized by the Crawford County Historic Society's Board of Directors for her dedication and hard work, especially the development and management of the annual Heritage Days.

Heritage Days is held in August each year and celebrates local history, founding fathers, early settlers, lumbering, tourism and other industries.

"There is a treasure trove of history in our little museum here in Grayling," Carmean said. "Everyone who lives here or visits here should spend some time at the museum and learn about the roots of Crawford County."

Dressed in period clothing, Jim and Donna serve as interpreters at the Museum during Heritage Days, and help all year round with other functions of the Historic Society.

President Tim Coe said both Jim and Donna deserve recognition and credit for their many hours of selfless volunteerism and dedication toward the preservation of Crawford County history.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Donna Carmean proudly displays the plaque she received for her dedication, with the help of her husband, to the Crawford County Historical Society.

GHS alumna joins U of M athletic training staff



Brandi McClain has been chosen to serve as the aerobics coach for the University of Michigan Women's Gymnastics Team.

Following auditions with metro Detroit area aerobics instructors, Grayling native Brandi McClain was selected to serve as the aerobics coach for the University of Michigan (U of M) Women's Gymnastics Team.

From her 17 years of dance training with Louise Tournaud and the University of Michigan School of Dance, McClain was able to fuse her dance background with her interest in health and exercise.

She is certified in personal training, sculpting and conditioning, and group aerobics through the American Fitness Training of Athletics and American Heart Association.

McClain also teaches introductory seminars for potential aerobics instructors.

McClain is a spokesmodel and aerobics specialist for the United States division of "In the First Place," a comprehensive health organization focused on promoting exercise and motivating the public.

Currently, McClain teaches aerobics classes, "Dancing Through the Decades," "Cardio Funk," and "Introduction to Hip-Hop" at Liberty Athletic Club in Ann Arbor, as well as aerobics warm-up and conditioning for the U of M gymnastics team.

McClain is a junior at the University of Michigan studying English. After her graduation next spring, McClain will be attending law school focusing on family law. She is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain of Grayling.

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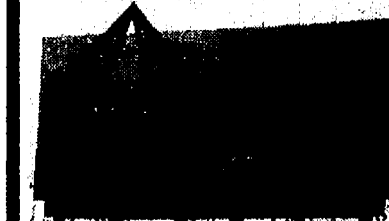
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X-C ski race 2B

Vikings defeat Boyne City

Varsity squad beats Ramblers, Panthers

► Grayling moves back into sole possession of 1st in NEMC

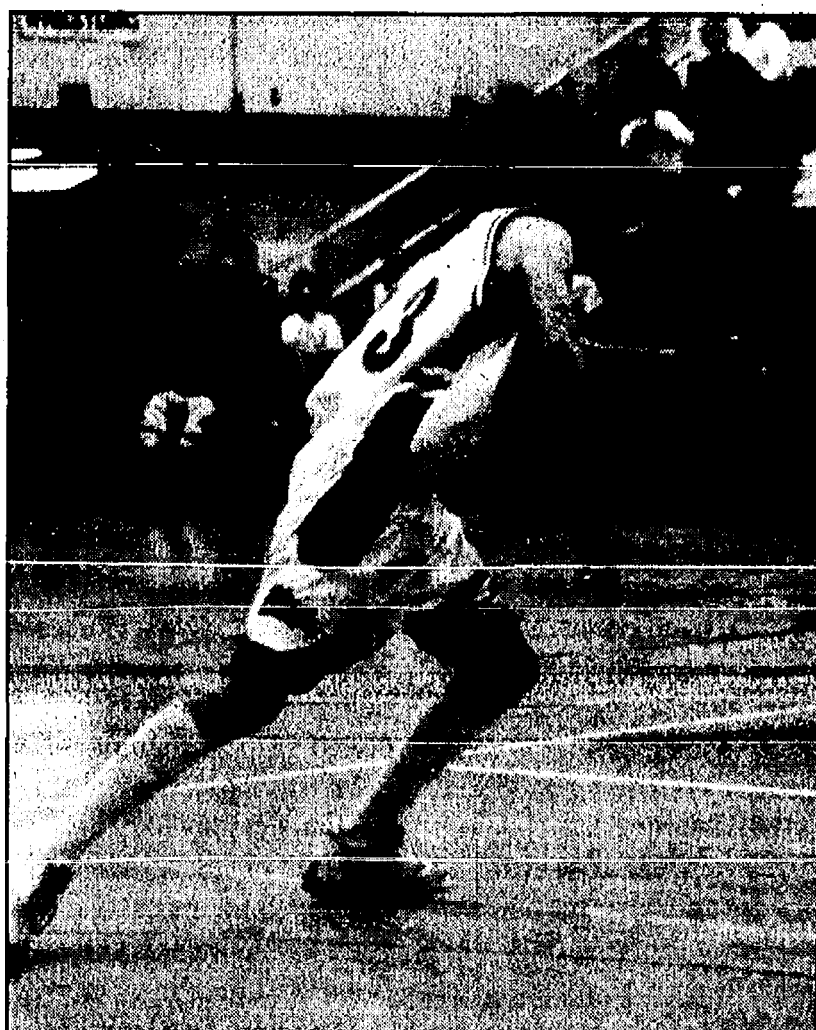
by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a non-conference game vs. Boyne City on Tuesday, the Vikings of Grayling High School weathered an early fourth quarter run by the visiting Ramblers and finished strong to win the match by a final score of 62-45.

On Friday, the Vikings moved back into sole possession of first place in the league race with a 50-46 victory at Standish Sterling Central.

On Tuesday, Grayling got off to a strong start with a 15-2 first quarter. The Vikings scored on a lay-up by Andy Strohpaal, a jump shot by Travis Helsel, a put-back by Roy Czapek, triples by Strohpaal and Gibson Tobin, and free throws by Tobin and Strohpaal.

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See "VARSITY SQUAD..."



Grayling guard Gibson Tobin handles the ball at the perimeter in the Boyne City game on Tuesday.

JV team overcomes injuries, late deficit

► GHS beats Boyne City by a final score of 51-48 at Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

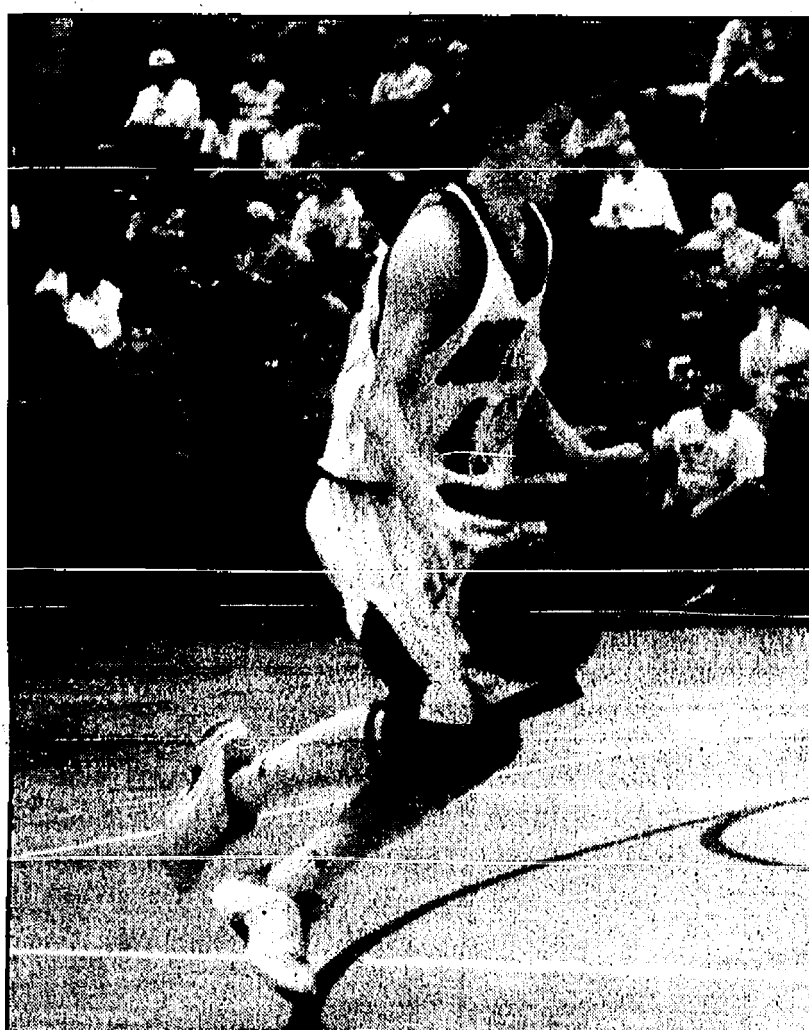
With two of its regulars inactive due to injuries, the GHS junior varsity boys basketball team eked out a win against Boyne City at Grayling on Tuesday 51-48.

Grayling led at the half, but Boyne City came back and

managed to build a five point lead by the 4:32 mark in the fourth quarter. The Vikings picked up their pace from there, and came away with the win, their 11th in 11 games.

Grayling controlled the first quarter, outscoring Boyne City 13-3. The Vikings scored on a lay-up and a drive by Josh Hinkle, a shot inside by Matt Swope, a three-point play by Bobby Starks, and free throws by Jess Bobenmoyer and Hinkle.

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See "JV TEAM..."



Ryan Schmidt drives the ball toward the basket for Grayling in Tuesday night's match vs. BC.

9th graders win by 44 points vs. BC

► Vikings top Ramblers 58-14 on Tuesday night at GHS

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team followed up its first loss of the 2002-03 season with a 58-14 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers at GHS last Tuesday. The win improved Grayling's overall record to 8-

1. The Vikings played solid defense all game and worked hard on the defensive glass, limiting Boyne City's shot opportunities by grabbing rebounds.

"We played a great defensive game," said Coach Joe Mau. "The boys really shut down Boyne City's offense and executed our offense very well. This was an outstanding team win."

Grayling started fast with an
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See "9TH GRADERS..."



Guard Ryan Feldhauser controls the ball for the GHS freshman team against Boyne City.

Hanson Hills hosts cross country ski race



Hanson Hills Recreation Area had to postpone its Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic cross country ski races (scheduled for January 11-12) due to lack of snow prior to that weekend, but the local winter sports park hosted a Michigan Cup cross country ski race on Saturday, January 18 (pictured). For race results, see Page 2B. This weekend, February 7-9, Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority is hosting Winter Fun Days, an annual festival that includes a wide variety of winter-themed events and competitions.

Martial arts expert available for demonstrations

Zack Burns, 17, of Frederic, a martial arts expert who has won three national titles, is looking for opportunities to give demonstrations of his art at area schools.

Burns, 2002 world champion in his division, got an early start in martial arts and would like to help area youngsters get an early introduction as well.

"I like to help kids who have an interest and a desire to learn," Burns told the *Gaylord Herald Times*. "Someday I would like to have my own karate studio. I trained a young kid who then

went on and surprised himself at how well he did at a competition. Something like that means a lot to me."

Burns, who recently relocated to the Crawford County area, has won six straight state championships and has twice won Junior Olympic gold medals. He hopes to compete in the Olympic games.

While training, Burns would like to provide demonstrations in the area. Any classrooms, youth organizations, or clubs interested in lining up one should contact Burns' father Larry at 344-6083.

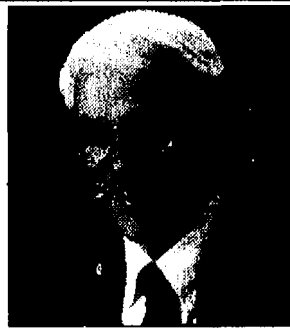




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Zack Burns

10K Overall Results			
<i>(Bib #, Last Name, First Name, Age Group, Time)</i>			
596	Weir, Morgan	14-16	0.33.52
597	Elenz, Todd	17-19	0.35.55
598	Rimer, Max	14-16	0.39.13
595	Upton, Stewart	14-16	0.41.39
139	Gulledge, Catorinal	14-16	0.45.58
140	Barton, Rebecca	13-14	0.45.59
594	Upton, J.J.	14-16	0.59.13
253	Nolan, Dan	19+	0.54.25
136	Webb, Cassie	14-16	0.55.48
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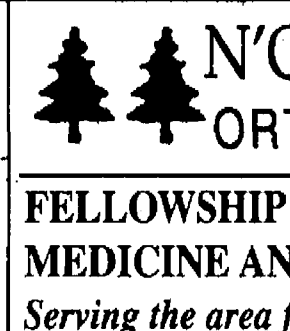


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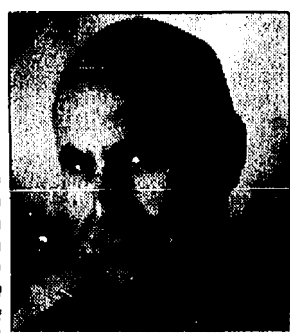
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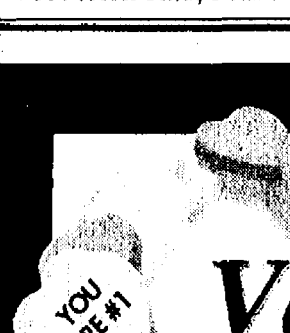
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Vikings of the Week



Jessica
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Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland

**JESSICA THOMSON
& ERIC HUNTER**

Jessica's times in all races were instrumental in the team's two wins at Treetops vs. Harrison and Forest. Eric's four times were used in Grayling's two league victories last week and in its team results at the Benzie Invitational.



The 2002-03 GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Ashley Rousseau, Casey Mahaffy; (middle, left to right) Heather Stamper, Jenny VanNuck, Ellice Cross, Jodi Riddle; (back, left to right) Natalie Christman, Alyssa Farrell, Jessica Pfaff, Jaimi Drudge, Jenny Tozer. Not pictured: Coach Jenny Swander.

JV volleyball team beats Oscoda, HL

► Vikings win best-of-three series at home 2-0 vs. both opponents

In home meets last week, the Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Oscoda and

Houghton Lake in JV girls volleyball contests.

On Thursday, the Vikings won 15-7, 15-5 vs. Oscoda.

"The girls attacked well," said Coach Jenny Swander. "They worked well as a team and made their serves, which is extremely important."

Serving leaders for GHS

were: Jessica Pfaff, 8 for 9; Jaimi Drudge, 8 for 9; Jenny Tozer, 9 for 11; Alyssa Farrell, 5 for 5; Jenny VanNuck, 4 for 6; Casey Mahaffy, 2 for 2; Ashley Rousseau, 1 for 1; June Clark, 1 for 1.

On Monday, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8.

"The girls started a little slow

but quickly turned it around," Coach Swander said. "They served well. They had some great attacks and good net play."

On Monday, February 10 the Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central at 6:15 p.m. The team will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

GHS wrestlers outscore Tawas, Hale

► Grayling posts 50-20 victory over Hale, 39-36 win over Tawas

Grayling High School's wrestling squad defeated Hale 50-20 and Tawas 39-36 in a meet held at Tawas last Thursday.

For Grayling, Adam Malone (130), Mike Gassman (145),

Dusty Partello (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Brandon Pratt (171), Don Starks (189), and Aaron Rosecrans (215) all won both of their matches on Thursday. Joe Bancroft (140) and Emily Harvey (103) each won one match at the meet.

"This was a good team effort as Grayling had four wrestlers out of their line-up," Coach Don Ferguson said.

The Vikings are currently in third place in the North East

Michigan Conference. The final league standings will be determined at the conference meet on Saturday, February 8 at Bay City John Glenn.

On Saturday, February 1 eight of out 12 Grayling wrestlers earned a medal at the 10-team Gladwin Invitational at Gladwin.

Gassman (152) and Jeremy Handrich (160) both placed 1st in their weight classes. Joel Wilson (145), Babbitt (160),

Pratt (171), and Rosecrans (215) all placed 3rd.

"This was an excellent tournament as there were a number of state placers and state qualifiers," Coach Ferguson said. "This was a good chance for the kids to get ready for the upcoming state competition."

On Thursday, February 6 the Vikings will host Kalkaska and Traverse City at GHS at 6 p.m. The meet will include "parents night" for Grayling's wrestlers.

GMS WRESTLING

In its first meet of the 2003 season, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team competed against 14 other teams at Bullock Creek on Saturday, February 1.

Placements for GMS included: 1st - Daniel CdeBaca, Stephen Grove, Jeff Bancroft, Josh Partello; 2nd - Matt Haight,

Mykel Revord, Jeff Woolsey, Jeff Harwood; 3rd - Krystal Babbitt, Corey Metzger, Keith Revord; 4th - Cody Collen, Doug Gothro, Shane Grove, Cody Malone, Cory Shear. Also winning a match, but placing just out the top four, was first-year wrestler Tory Myers.

GRA WRESTLING

On Saturday, February 1 the Grayling Recreation Authority youth wrestling team traveled to Bullock Creek to compete against 14 other teams.

Placements for Grayling included: 1st - Joey Contreras, Matt Townsend; 2nd - Kyle Schmidt, Zach Mack, Joey Schwartz, Calvin Kangas, Shayla Grove, Daniel DuVall, Luke Schneider, Austin Harris; 3rd - Jon Petrie, Cody Elmy, Ty Jensen, Derek Babbitt, Blake Wood, Zach Wolcott; 4th -

Adam Wargo.

The team will travel to Pine River on February 8.

The team will compete at Pine River on Saturday, February 8.

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SCHEDULED FOR February 2003

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Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2003

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Wendy's

Vikings of the Week

Adam
Malone

Dusty
Partello

Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson

ADAM MALONE & DUSTY PARTELO

Both wrestlers won four matches last week and both wrestlers only lost to state placers at the Gladwin Invitational on Saturday.

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Basketball program includes exhibition game



Photo courtesy of Tracy Wilson

Grayling Recreation Authority Boys Basketball Program participants gather in the Grayling High School locker room. The six-week program included an exhibition game during halftime of a GHS junior varsity boys basketball game in December. Pictured are: (front) David Bergan; (second row, left to right) Coach Ryan Swope, Camren Wilson, Louis Rioux, Scott Wejrowski, Scott Parkinson, Zane Tobin, Coach Darnell Wilson, Coach Rocky Tobin; (third row, left to right) Thomas Burrell, Ryan Randall; (back row, left to right) Jeff Enos, Joey Latusek, Jenson Aubry, Steven Enos, Jacob Helsel, Zack Randall, Jared Carlisle, Craig Collen, Alex Bartha, Zack Schreiber, Travis Schreiber, Devon Dawson.

Little League Board appoints new officers

Grayling Little League's Board of Directors met for the first time for the 2003 season on Sunday, January 12 at the Grayling Holiday Inn, and plans for the '03 season are underway.

A top priority for the meeting was appointment of new officers. Grayling Little League's officers for the new season are: Rich Alexander, President; Rich Schreiber, Vice President; Yvonne Schreiber, Treasurer/Concessions; Sherri Aubry, Secretary; Dusty Latusek, Player

Agent; Tracy Wilson, Safety Officer/PR; John Schneider, Equipment Manager; Jeff Branch, Fields/Structures; Brian Burrell, VP Minor League; Rob Aubry, VP Intermediate League; Dave Latusek, VP Umpires; Yvonne Schreiber and Staci Rosin-Gay, Co-VP Softball; and trustees Joe Smock and Rocky Tobin.

The Board of Directors will be planning their 2nd Annual Player Registration Night for March and a Grayling Little League Spring

Training Clinic for pre-season skills development.

Last year, approximately 170 youth, ages 7-14, participated in Grayling Little League. During the 2002 All-Star Tournament, the Grayling Major League team advanced to 8th place out of 32 teams in its division. The Intermediate All-Star team initially tied for 2nd and then was eliminated when the tie-breaker decision was based on runs scored against the team during the play-offs.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 33 - 16
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 31 - 18
D.X.R. Computers . . . 31 - 18

Sparks . . . 26 - 23
North Pure Ice . . . 22 - 27
Little Tyke Day Care . . . 22 - 27
Shady Acres . . . 18 - 31
Calkin's Excavating . . . 19 - 36
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 658; P. Lewis, 583; S. Miller, 560.
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 256; D. Yanniello, 232; P. Lewis, 225.
High Series Women: S. Romain, 582; T. Day, 504; M. Miller, 486.
High Game Women: S. Romain, 209; E. Helsel, 196; C. Yanniello, 191.

Northwood
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 17.5 - 6.5
Lucky & Laura's . . . 16 - 08
Beckett Contracting . . . 15.5 - 8.5
North MI Financial . . . 15 - 09
Hometown Furniture . . . 10.5 - 13.5
Corky's Karaoke . . . 09 - 15
Grayling Chiropractic . . . 08 - 16
Calkin's Excavating . . . 4.5 - 19.5
High Series: S. Romain, 557; M. Rock, 499; M. Starks, 498.
High Game: S. Romain, 213; D. Romain, 200; M. Rock, 186; M. Miller, 186; A. Evon, 186.

Friday Mixed Doubles
American Legion . . . 23 - 09
Northern Cafe . . . 19 - 13
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 15 - 17
Charles Country Corner . . . 15 - 17
Double Trouble . . . 15 - 17
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . 15 - 17
Fick & Sons . . . 14 - 18
Piehl's Sawmill . . . 12 - 20
High Series Men: C. Hanson, 623; J. Mehal, 552; R. Moshier, 540.
High Game Men: C. Hanson, 244; B. Trudeau, 215; S. Green, 198; P. Lewis, 198.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 529; K. Trudeau, 485; K. Moshier, 474.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 201; B. Lozon, 183; K. Moshier, 173.

American Men's League
Warren Forest Products 14.5 - 6.5
Moore's Automotive . . . 14 - 07
Scheer Motors . . . 12 - 09
Helsel Forest Products 11.5 - 9.5

Forrest Brothers . . . 11 - 10
GADCO . . . 09 - 12
McLean's Ace . . . 08 - 13
Fenton's Auto Service . . . 04 - 17
High Series: D. Canfield, 663; D. Yanniello, 651; L. Davis, 633.
High Game: D. Canfield, 258; D. Henning, 251; T. Davis, 243.

Seniors
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 56.5 - 23.5
Flowers By Josie . . . 40 - 40
Gray Rock . . . 40 - 40
Cornell Insurance . . . 38.5 - 41.5
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 38 - 42
Sylvester's Sports . . . 36 - 44
Buccillis Pizza . . . 35 - 45
Hall's Snow Removal . . . 35 - 45
High Series Men: K. Harris, 628; G. Wolfe, 591; B. Hollis, 578.
High Game Men: K. Harris, 224; G. Wolfe, 213; B. Hollis, 207.
High Series Women: P. Essiambre, 479; W. Finkbeiner, 475; M. Rysso, 470.
High Game Women: J. Miller, 179; P. Essiambre, 177; M. Rysso, 169.

American Legion Lanes
Avalanche . . . 18 - 06
South Side River Rats . . . 18 - 06
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 13.5 - 10.5
Rochette's . . . 13 - 11
The Ice House . . . 11.5 - 12.5
Chemical Bank . . . 09 - 15
Custom Interior . . . 07 - 17
McDonalds of Grayling . . . 06 - 18
High Series: C. J. Cousins, 537; C. Clark, 482; K. Moshier, 480.
High Game: J. Cousins, 220; E. Helsel, 189; C. Yanniello, 186; T. Hellebuyck, 185.

National First
AuSable Construction . . . 29 - 06
Denholm Chiropractic . . . 22 - 13
Corky's Karaoke . . . 19 - 16
Hart Pontiac GMC . . . 17 - 18
Faustman's Insurance . . . 16 - 19
Legion Lanes . . . 14 - 21
Scott Pittman Builders . . . 14 - 21
Northern White Tail . . . 09 - 26
High Series: C. Brill, 672; J. Helsel, 646; P. Miller, 618.
High Game: C. Hanson, 257; C. Brill, 238; J. Barton, 237.

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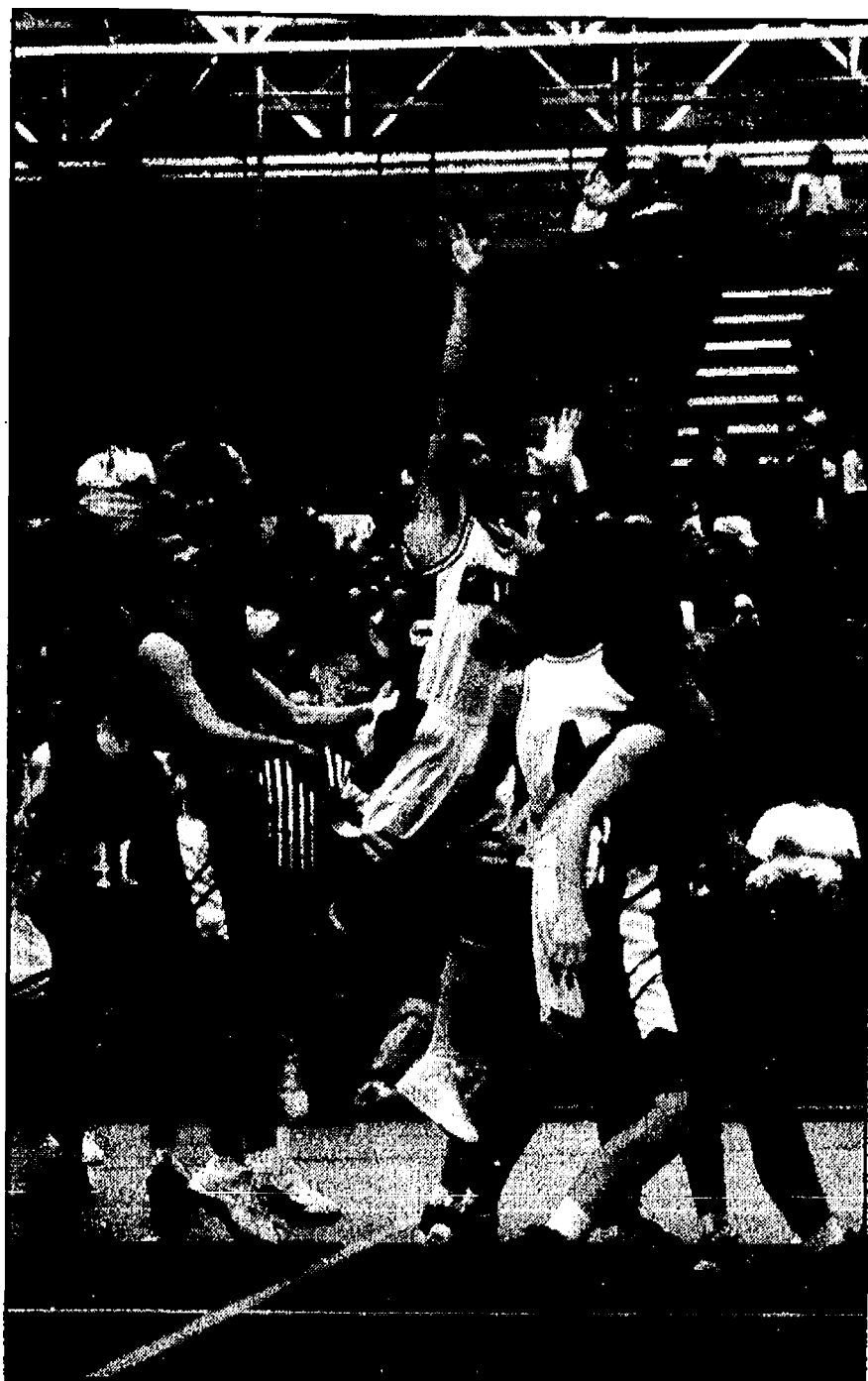


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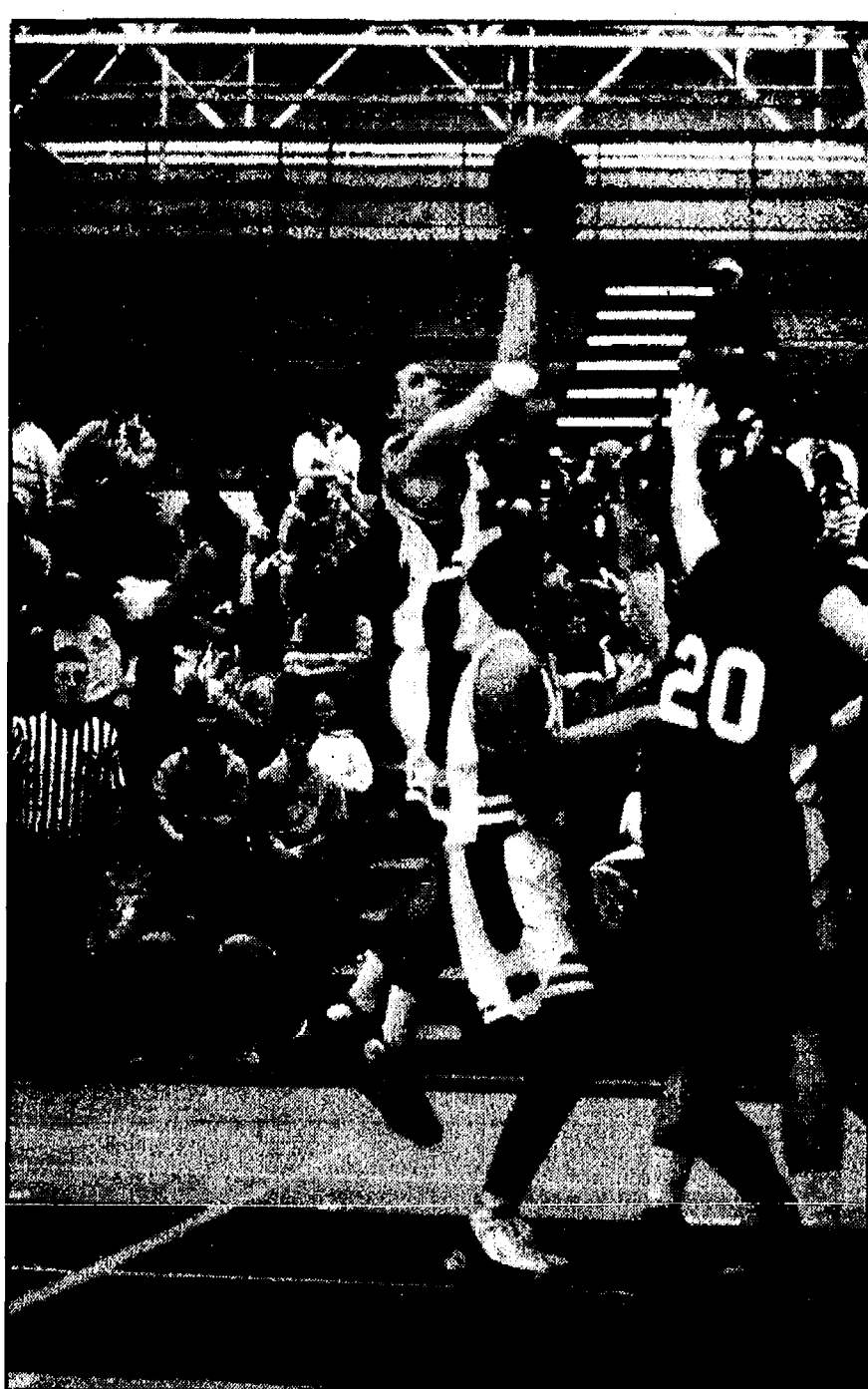
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Adam Kaiser shoots from inside the key in Grayling's 62-45 victory over Boyne City on Tuesday.



Roy Czapiek takes a jump shot in the Grayling vs. Boyne City varsity game last week.

Varsity squad beats Ramblers, Panthers

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Boyne City fought back and pulled within five with about two minutes left in the first half. A 7-0 run (on three baskets by Adam Kaiser) to finish the second quarter gave Grayling a 28-16 advantage at halftime.

Overall, the Ramblers edged GHS 14-13 in the second period. Grayling scored its 13 on a jumper by Helsel, two free throws by Strohpaul, a jump shot by Tobin, and two jumpers and a triple by Kaiser.

Grayling scored the first seven points of the third quarter on a three-point play by Czapiek, a shot inside by Czapiek on an in-bounds pass from Tobin, and a tip-in by Czapiek on an in-bounds pass from Tobin.

The rest of the period was a back and forth battle, with Grayling coming out with 13 points and Boyne City 12 in the third quarter overall.

The Vikings led 41-28 going into the fourth period.

Boyne City opened the fourth quarter with a 9-0 run to pull within four, 41-37. Seven of the nine points were scored at the free throw line.

From there, the Vikings outscored Boyne City 21-8.

Grayling's points down the stretch were the result of a jumper by Helsel, a drive, a jumper, and a lay-up by Kaiser, a triple by Chad Helsel, two free throws and a lay-up by Tobin, a lay-up by T. Helsel, and jumpers by Kaiser and Phil Armstrong.

Grayling won 62-45.

"Our kids re-dedicated themselves to the defensive end of the court and it showed," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We did a nice job of pressuring the ball, denying the post area and basket cuts, and rotating to help on defense. A huge improvement over the past week."

"Plain and simple, if we are going to be successful this season, we have to play defense. We have to play like a blue collar team," Coach Moffit said.

Kaiser and Tobin finished with 15 points apiece in the Boyne City game. T. Helsel had 10,

Czapiek had 9, and Strohpaul 8. Tobin had 7 assists.

On defense, Strohpaul and T. Helsel each had 4 steals. Joe Lange finished with 5 blocked shots.

On Friday, the Vikings won a league match at Standish Sterling Central 50-46. The victory, coupled with a Bay City John Glenn loss to Tawas, moved Grayling back into sole possession of the NEMC lead. Going into Friday, Grayling and Bay City were tied for first place in the conference.

Against Standish, Grayling led 22-19 at halftime and 37-29 after three quarters of play. Standish

New football coach to be introduced at GHS

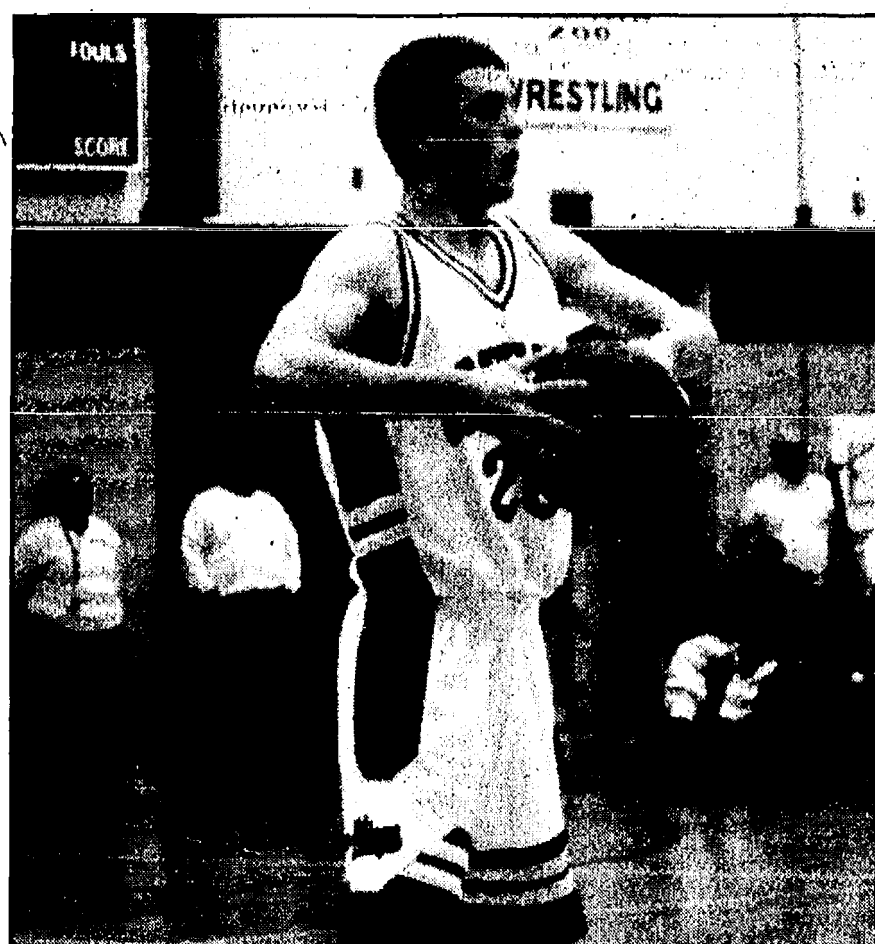
Grayling High School's Athletic Department plans to introduce its new head coach for football at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game at GHS on Friday, February 14.

The new coach is Jason Mensing, formerly the coach at Addison High School.

After the varsity basketball

game on Friday night, a "meet the coach" event will be held in the GHS cafeteria. At the event, Mensing will be available to meet parents of football players and Viking fans.

The varsity basketball game will begin after the JV contest (between 7:30 and 8 p.m., approximately) on Friday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Strohpaul looks to pass in Tuesday's game vs. Boyne City.

made a run in the fourth quarter, but Grayling held on for the win.

Kaiser led Grayling with 18 points. Czapiek scored 14 and led the team in rebounding with 9 boards. Tobin, who also had 5 assists and 5 steals, finished with 12 points. Lange blocked 6 shots. Ryan Schmidt, Strohpaul, and Roger Alvarez also scored for GHS in the match.

"This was a big win for our kids," said Coach Moffit. "We had some key kids out and we fought adversity."

"Defensively, I thought that we did a good job of maintaining our pressure throughout the game. Standish is a pretty physical team and I thought we banged with them," Moffit said. "We are 8-0 when we hold our opponents under 59 points."

The Vikings are 8-4 overall, 6-2 in the conference.

Grayling will play at Bay City John Glenn (5-3 in league play) on Friday, February 7.

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9th graders win by 44 points vs. BC

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18-4 first quarter. In the first eight minutes, the Vikings scored on two jump shots by Ryan Feldhauser, put-backs by Eli VanNuck and Zach Dean, a shot inside by Dean, a lay-up by VanNuck on a pass from Feldhauser, a shot inside by Reagan Schmidt, and jumpers by VanNuck and Zac Baker.

The Vikings dominated Boyne City in the second quarter, outscoring the visiting Ramblers 22-2 in the period.

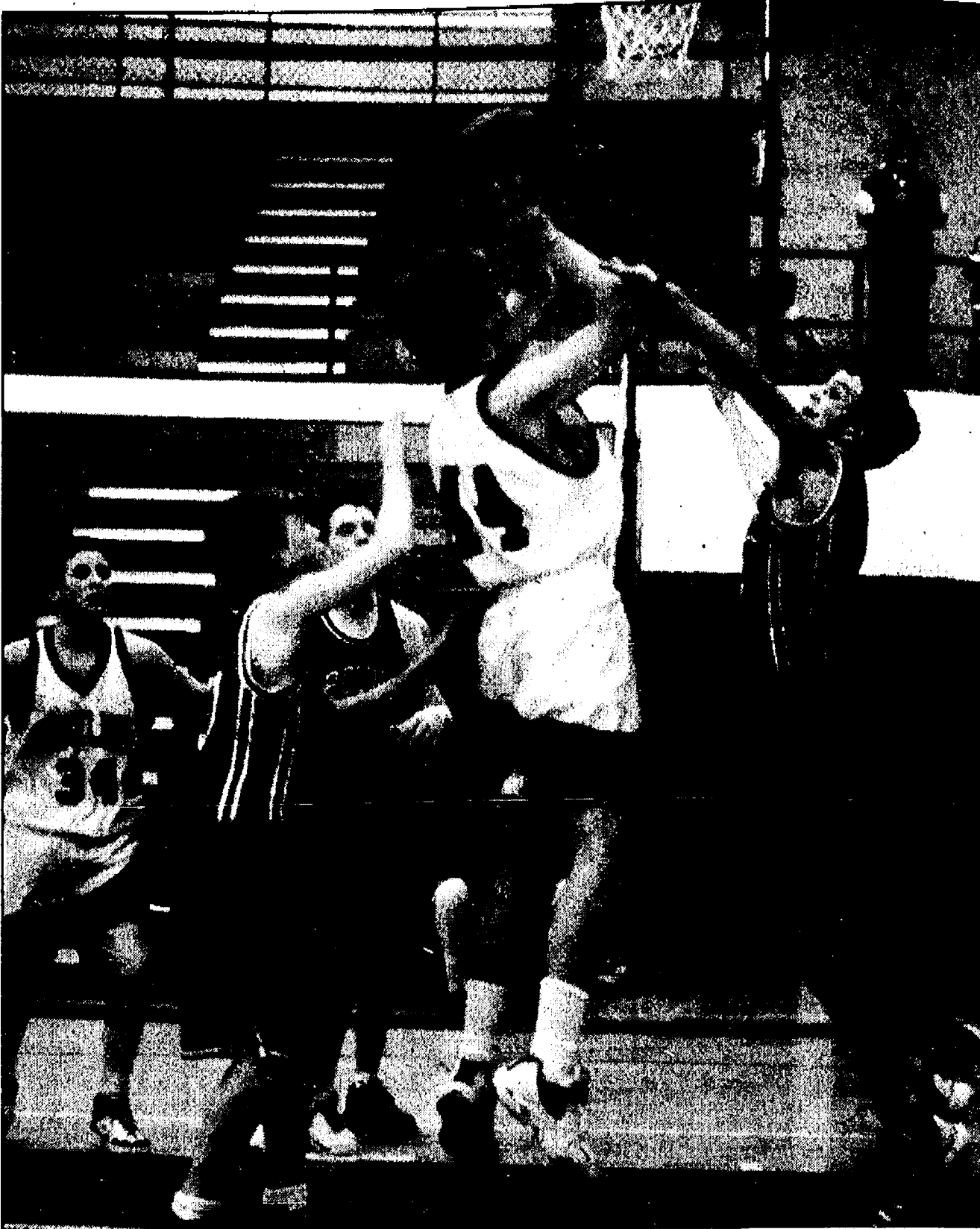
Grayling's 22 second quarter points were the result of four baskets and a free throw by VanNuck, a jump shot and a triple by Feldhauser, a shot inside by Dean, a jumper by Baker, and two lay-ups by Schmidt.

The Vikings had a 40-6 advantage at halftime.

The Vikings ran a slow-paced offense in the second half and outscored Boyne 18-8 the rest of the way. Grayling's second half points came from a jumper by Baker, three free throws by J.C. Schneider, a put-back by Dean, a shot inside and a jumper by Feldhauser, a jump shot by Baker, a shot inside by Dean, and a three-point play by Schmidt.

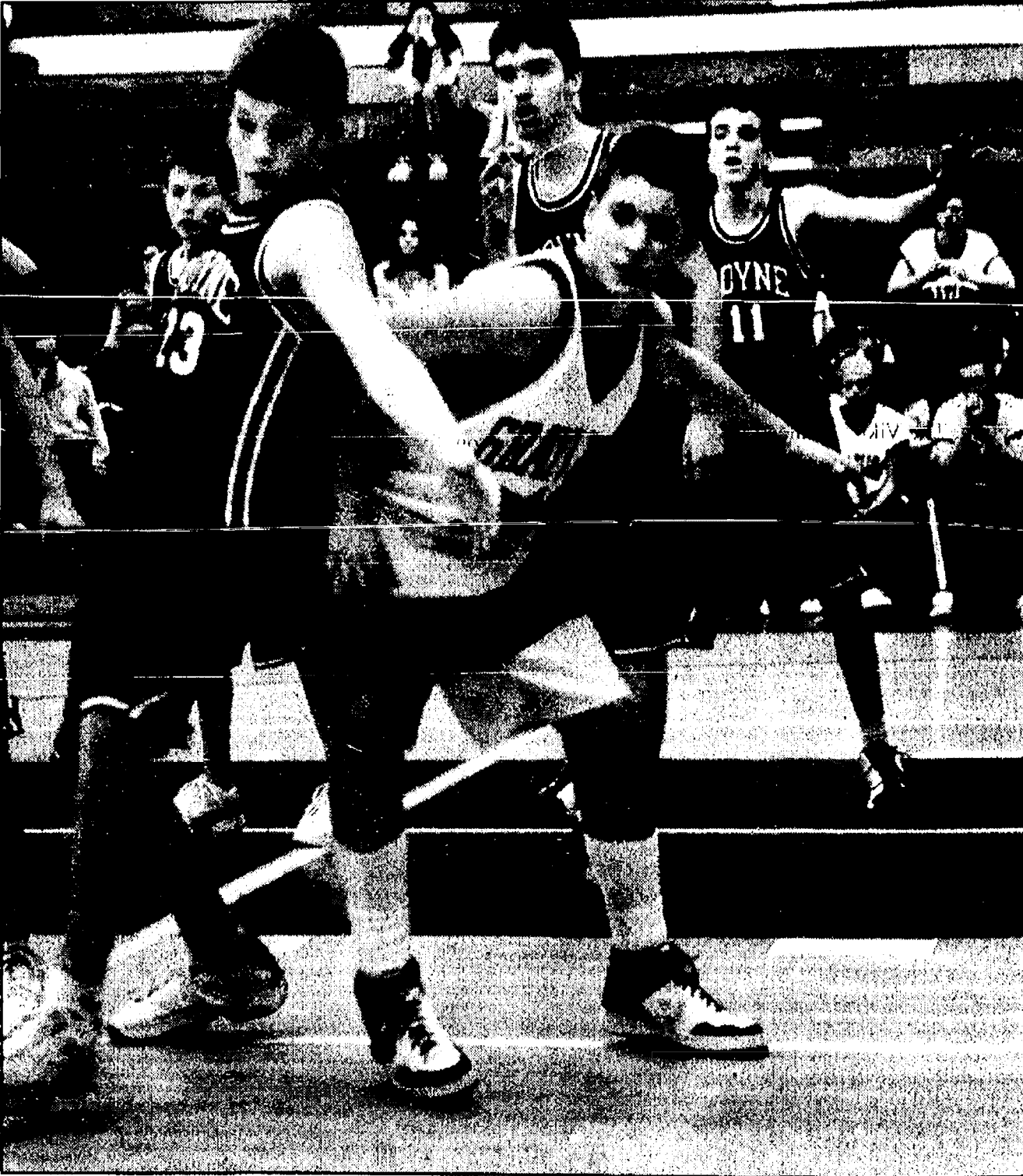
Four Grayling players reached double digits in scoring: Feldhauser, 13 points, 6 steals; VanNuck, 13 points, 6 steals, 5 assists; Schmidt, 13 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists; Dean, 10 points, 6 rebounds. Baker finished with 8 points and a team-high 8 rebounds.

The Vikings will play at Bay City John Glenn on Friday, February 7.



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J.C. Schneider goes up for a shot inside against Boyne City last week.



Zeke Hayes battles for position in the Boyne City game on Tuesday.

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8th graders win by two, lose by one

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (white) team won an overtime game vs. Roscommon and lost a close game against Standish Sterling 31-30 in matches last week.

On Monday, the Vikings won 22-20 at Roscommon in overtime.

"We came from behind again to win," said Coach Jim Burch. "Our defense played well. Nick Parkinson held their leading scorer to six points. We rebounded the best we have all season. We made some put-back shots that helped us win the game. All of the players played good defense."

Terry Fraley had 8 points and 10 rebounds for Grayling. Parkinson scored 6 and brought down 7 boards. Carlos Ledesma, Pat Belcher, and Moses Peters also scored for the Vikings.

On Thursday, Grayling lost a close game at Standish 31-30.

"We lost a game we should have won," Coach Burch said. "We were ahead with less than a minute to play. We did not protect the ball, turned it over, and they scored with a buzzer beater. Down the stretch we missed two lay-ups and five of six free throws."

Parkinson was the scoring leader for Grayling with 12 points. Fraley had 8. Peters scored 7. Belcher and Jeremiah Bootz also scored for GMS.

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JV team overcomes injuries, late deficit

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Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter, leaving Grayling's advantage at 10 at the intermission.

Grayling scored its 13 on a shot inside by Starks, a lay-up by Ryan Schmidt, a put-back by Russ Peters, and free throws by Swope (5 for 6) and Starks (2 for 3).

The third quarter did not go well for Grayling. The Vikings struggled, and Boyne City got its offense on track. The visiting Ramblers outscored GHS 21-7 in the third period to take a 37-33 edge into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored their seven points on a triple by Hinkle, a put-back by Bobenmoyer, and a drive by Starks. Starks fouled out halfway through the quarter, further testing Grayling's already injury-limited depth.

A pair of free throws by Schmidt pulled Grayling within two. A basket by Boyne City put the Ramblers back up by four. A put-back by Bobenmoyer and a shot inside by Boyne City left the Ramblers up by four. A lay-up by Schmidt brought the Vikings to within two.

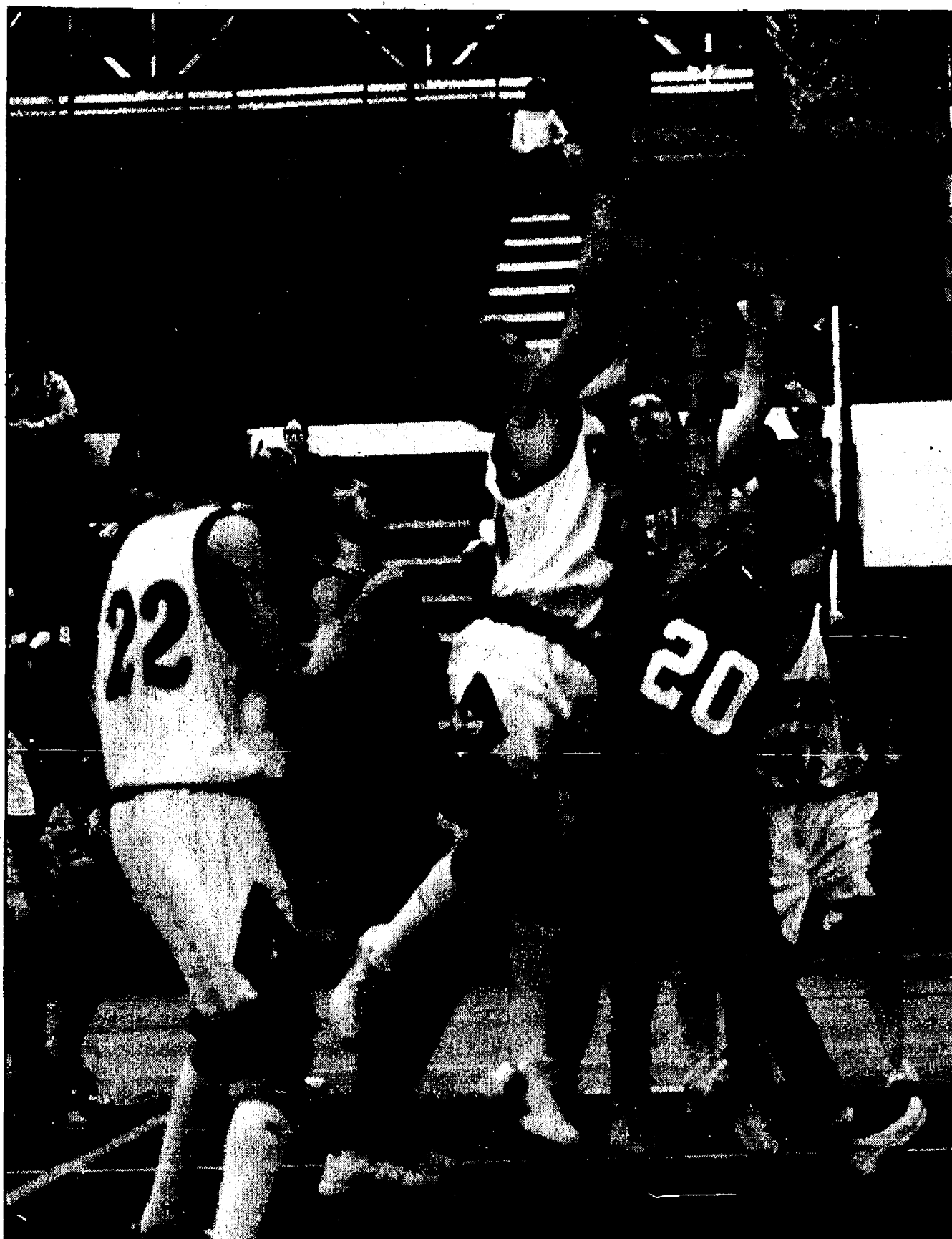
A shot inside and a free throw by Boyne City put the Ramblers up by five, 44-39, with 4:32 left in regulation.

The Vikings responded with a 9-0 run that included a put-back by Swope, drives by Hinkle and Schmidt, and free throws by Bobenmoyer and Swope. Grayling led by four with 2:07 left in the fourth quarter.

Two free throws by Boyne City pulled the Ramblers within two. A free throw by Swope gave GHS a three-point edge with 59 seconds remaining.

Boyne City scored on a put-back. Grayling turned the ball over. On Boyne City's resulting possession, Hinkle knocked the ball loose and Swope, Hinkle, and a Boyne City player latched onto the ball for a tie-up. The possession arrow favored Grayling. The Vikings, ahead by one, got the ball with 12 seconds left.

Grayling got the ball in bounds and Boyne City had to foul. Tyler Cragg scored one of



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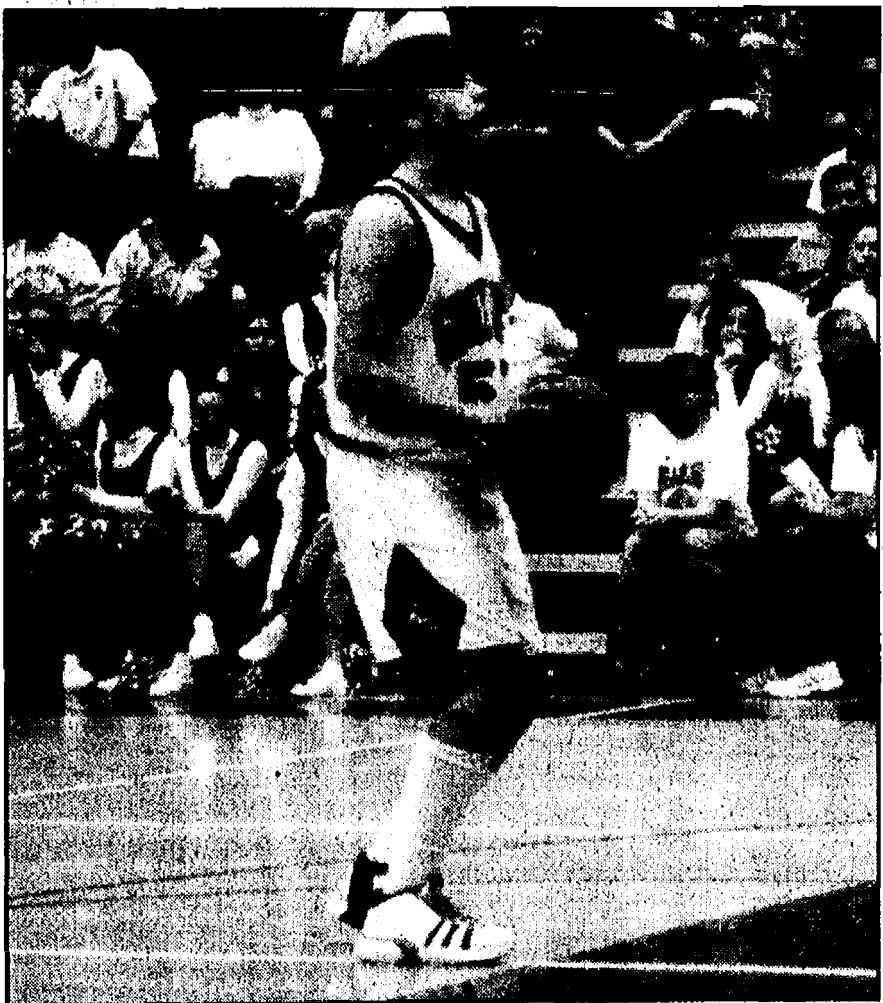
Russ Peters goes up for a shot inside in the game against Boyne City on Tuesday.

two at the line to put GHS up by two. The Ramblers shot, missed, and Hinkle rebounded. He passed the ball off, and Boyne City fouled Cragg again. He hit one of two at the line to give Grayling a 51-48 advantage.

The Ramblers had enough time to throw up a half-court shot for the tie, but it didn't go in.

The Vikings held on for the three-point win.

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Matt Swope shoots from the free throw line on Tuesday night.



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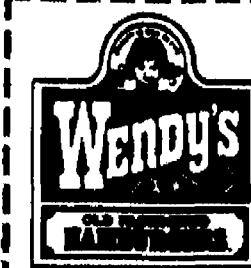


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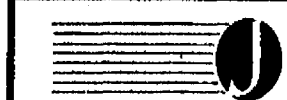
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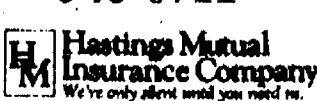
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

DETROIT — Scoreboard watching is popular this time of year in Michigan college basketball circles as teams vie for post-season tournament bids, and few have a sharper eye than Kirtland coach Glen Donahue.

Every win is an important step closer to a first-ever state tournament appearance for the Firebirds' third-year program. Every loss is a crucial step in the wrong direction. So it was Saturday, when the 'Birds let a tightly contested game slip away in the closing moments, losing at Wayne County Community College, 82-73.

The teams had entered the game tied for third in the 10-team Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. When the dust settled around the league after Saturday's other action, Kirtland was in fourth at 4-3, just ahead of Alpena and Macomb at 3-3. Wayne was alone in third at 5-2.

"That was a big one for them," Donahue said of his Detroit rivals. "It makes our team ahead of us and puts our next game against Henry Ford that much more important."

Donahue's team is gunning for a third- or four-place finish, which ensures a home game to start the tournament against either the fifth or sixth seeds. The top two clubs earn a bye in the first round.

Which means the Firebirds have to start finding a way to close these tight games in victory instead of defeat.

"I'm still trying to figure out

how we can have a guy score 26 points and have 20 rebounds and we still lose the game," Donahue said of a yeoman's effort by 7-foot Lithuanian-born center Alvidas Gedminas. "He played another great game for us. But, we all made some mistakes near the end of the game — even the coaching strategy — and it cost us the ballgame."

Reuben Edwards had 17 points and Jake Milarch added 10 for the Firebirds, who fell to 9-9 overall this season. Anthony Butler had 24 points and Aaron Perry contributed 18 for Wayne, 9-8 overall.

DEARBORN — Aaron Walker scored 16 points to lead Henry Ford Community College to a 74-57 victory Wednesday night over Kirtland in a battle between two teams struggling to make the post-season state tournament.

Reuben Edward and Alvidas Gedminas each scored 12 points for Kirtland, with Gedminas hauling down nine rebounds. The Firebirds' second straight road loss dropped them to 9-10 overall and 4-4 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Henry Ford improved to 12-7 and 3-3.

GRAYLING — Marcus Bennett poured in 33 points while James Homes and Travis Baker scored 16 each to lead Schoolcraft to a 112-84 victory Saturday over Kirtland in a game played at Grayling High School.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 8 in the nation among the top two-year programs, raised its record

to 21-1 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Jake Milarch led Kirtland with 21 points. Reuben Edwards and Jeremy Rau had 15 points each and Alvidas Gedminas had 10 points for the Firebirds, who fell to 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the conference after their third straight loss.

Womens Team

DETROIT — After two strong performances from his team, Kirtland Lady Firebirds Coach Jimmy Parker had great expectations heading into an important game Saturday at Wayne County Community College.

Which made a lopsided loss that much more discouraging. Things went so badly so quickly — his team was trailing 42-17 at halftime — that Parker couldn't be sure his team was worse on one end or the other in a game that ended on the wrong side of a 79-51 score.

"We just couldn't play any defense at all," Parker said, "and our shots weren't falling. We had pretty decent shot selection, but we only hit about 20 percent from the floor."

Chavon Haskins scored 32 points and hauled down 22 rebounds to lead the rout against Kirtland, enabling Wayne to improve to 11-8 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"Wayne is a good team. They're really progressing," Parker said. "But we should have played them tougher."

Jillian Schultz had 14 to lead

Kirtland, which fell to 2-5 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-12 overall.

Adding injury to insult, Kirtland lost starting freshman forward Jeni Kemp to an ankle injury six minutes into the game. She was expected to miss about a week.

The loss dropped Kirtland to eighth in the conference. The top six teams qualify for the post-season state tournament.

DETROIT — Dawn Allen scored 18 points Wednesday night and helped previously winless Henry Ford Community College fend off a second-half surge by Kirtland en route to a 65-61 victory.

Becca Miller had 16 points and Brianna Glasscox had 13 for Kirtland, which lost for the fifth time in seven games and fell to 7-13 overall and 2-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Henry Ford had lost its previous 18 games, including its first six conference games.

GRAYLING — Pam Wingate and Brandy Taylor each scored 21 points Saturday to power Schoolcraft to an 82-59 victory over Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 19 for Kirtland and Amy Jordan and Lori Hinkle contributed 10 points each.

The Lady Firebirds lost for the seventh time in nine games, falling to 7-14 overall and 2-7 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft improved to 14-7 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

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Deleo 2.		Grant 12, Dandy 3, Trenary 10,
McLean's 25: Thane Doremire		Davis 8, Hull 4, Zrebski 7.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 40 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northernly bend of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003
For information, please call:

Team W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200310462
Team W

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the

point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002
Patrick Timothy Reid, II
REID AND REID
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Business & Trade Center
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

-06-13-20-07-06

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 18th day of January 2003 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes at 9:10 A.M.

II. Members Present: Moshier, Hayes, Palmer
Members Absent: Banda, Wyman
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Lynne McConnell, Dave Sabin

III. Matter of Business.
A. D & K Investments - "Grayling Reel Property"

*Dave Sabin now present (9:30 A.M.)
*Dave Sabin left the meeting (9:55 A.M.)

03-14
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to take a 20 minute recess, 10:05 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

Meeting called back to order at 10:30 A.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-15
Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve the resolution as read:

WHEREAS the City of Grayling has entered into a purchase agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, for the sale of certain real property located in Section 17, T26N, R3W, known as parcel 5 of former Grayling Reel and more fully described in attached exhibit "A" and

WHEREAS certain environmental testing has revealed possible environmen-

tal contamination of the property above-described; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of both parties to transfer ownership of the property above-described to D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, prior to a complete resolution of the environmental issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grayling, by and through its manager to enter into a hold harmless agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC whereby the City of Grayling does agree to hold harmless D&K Investments, LLC from all damages, costs and liability associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property above-described occurring prior to January 23, 2003.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Grayling and D&K Investments agree that the responsibility associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property be corrected to the level acceptable by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);

Roll Call Vote: Hayes: Aye, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Absent, Banda: Absent, motion carried.

03-16
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to take a recess, 10:55 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 3, motion carried.

Meeting called back to order at 11:15 A.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-17
Motion by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to take a 10 minute break, 11:35 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

*Allen Lowe left meeting (11:40 A.M.)

Meeting called back to order at 11:45 A.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-18
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement as follows:

The undersigned, by and through its duly authorized agent, does, on this 18th day of January, 2003, enter into this instant agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, concerning the real property located in Section 17, T26N, R3W, known as parcel 5 of former Grayling Reel and more fully described in attached exhibit "A".

The City of Grayling, by and through its manager to enter into this hold harmless agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC whereby the City of Grayling does agree to hold harmless D&K Investments, LLC from all damages, costs and liability associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property above-described occurring prior to January 23, 2003;

The City of Grayling and D&K Investments, LLC agree that the City of Grayling assumes the responsibility associated with correcting any possible environmental contamination of the property occurring prior to January 23, 2003 and remediate to the level acceptable by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);

Dated January 20, 2003
By: Authorized Agent for the City of Grayling

By: Authorized Agent for D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC

Roll Call Vote: Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Absent, Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, motion carried.

IV. Adjournment
Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule and for coming in on a Saturday to take care of business.

03-19
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.
Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at the rate of 8.7 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door

of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 20 feet of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of lot 5, block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 6, 2003
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank,
As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 17th day of January 2003 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 8:08 A.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Moshier.

Members Absent: Banda.
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Don Schanz, Steve Langseth, Lynn McConnell, Terry McGregor, Tim Zigala.

III. Matter of Business.

A. D & K Investments leasing the Grayling Reel Building.

B. DDA Update.

IV. Adjournment.

03-13
Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2003

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Palmer, Wyman, Hayes, Moshier

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Caleb Casey, Carl Lehto, Duane Brooks, Joe Ferrigan, Lynne Porritt-McConnell, Kelly Cunningham, Al Somero, Tim Zigala, Tom Wellman, Don Schanz, Steve Langseth, Bill Gannon, Brad Butcher.

III. Public Hearing.

None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

A. 911 Activity Report for November 2002.

B. 911 Activity Report for December 2002.

C. Grayling Police Monthly Report for December 2002.

D. Fire Department Year End Report for 2002.

E. Fire Department Year End Report for 2002.

F. Financial Report for November 2002.

G. NEMCOG Minutes from December 12, 2002.

03-01

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes of December 9, 2002.

03-02

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2002 be approved as corrected. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

VI. Old Business.

A. Carl Lehto presented a box of candies to the council and gave a review of projects done by Gosling Czubak for the City of Grayling in 2002 and wanted to say "Thank You" to the City for the business.

B. Bond

03-03

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to approve the resolution awarding sale of \$900,000 2003A General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds to Fifth Third Securities, Inc. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

C. Survey - Keith Kenney.

03-04

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to approve the amendment to the purchase agreement with D&K Investments by changing the number of acres that will be sold as a part of the Agreement from 19 acres to 22.74 acres and adding the language at the end that says "A copy of the survey of the parcel, labeled as parcel 5" is attached." Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

D. Fire Station - Architectural.

03-05

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to approve the additional services of Butcher & Associates for Design-Bid-Build Conventional delivery method with an additional cost of \$16,000. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

E. DDA

03-07

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to approve the Resolution of Intent Calling a Hearing regarding Establishment of a Downtown Development Authority and Designation

of a Downtown District. Roll Call Vote: Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, motion carried. Public hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. with the location to be determined, depending on what is available.

F. Appointments.

03-08

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to appoint Larry Akers to another 5-year term on the Housing Commission, Joe Ferrigan to another 3-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals and John Dobry to another 3-year term on the Parks Committee. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

G. Deed to Fire Station

03-09

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to Deed the Property for the Fire Station to the City of Grayling and Grayling Township with a price to be determined by the actual cost of the property and the building to be built. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

H. City Manager, Allen Lowe gave an update on the New City Hall.

I. City Manager, Allen Lowe presented a one page application "Request for City Finds" to be reviewed by the Council. This could be a working form that can be used for any request for money from the City.

VII. New Business.

A. Council felt that the request from the Police should be handled and decided by the Department Head and have instructed them to take it to their Chief.

B. Industrial Park Committee is working with Langseth Engineering to come up with a recommendation for streets in the Industrial Park.

C. Phase II

03-10

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve a Phase II environmental on the complete "Grayling Reel" property for \$8,500. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

D. Water Meters - Sewer Only Accounts will be brought back at the next meeting under Old Business.

E. Property Resolution.

03-11

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve the Resolution Authorizing Signatures for Property Sale. In the event the Grayling City Council by majority vote approve the sale of real property, the City Clerk or City Manager is authorized to execute the necessary documents in the name of the City of Grayling. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

None.

IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee.

ZBA:

*Passed a variance request by the Christian Help Center.

Planning Commission:

*Would like to correct Zoning map.

*Would like to move Professional offices and business offices and Banks and financial institutions, excluding Drive-Through facilities from a permitted principle use in a Downtown Commercial District (C-1) to a special use according to the Zoning Ordinance.

*Council would like for the Planning Commission to hold the public hearing concerning the changes to the Zoning Ordinance, then bring back for action.

Parks Committee:

*Working on putting together a list of goals for next summer.

*Working on what the fee should be the Park Committee's mission statement and inquired as to if it is the "Parks Committee" or "Parks and Recreation Committee" so they know where their scope should be.

*Moshier presented Tom Wellman with a pin for all of his hard work and dedication to making the ice rink a success.

X. Reports from Manager & Council Members.

Manager Report:

*MML conference is in March.

*Don Bowers from Century 21 is interested in listing the old City Hall building.

*MMM had requested Allen to be on a committee, which would be a 2-year commitment.

Council Member reports:

*Palmer wants to know if anyone was still doing grant research on a regular basis in the office like Mary & Michele used to do.

*Hayes offered to share with the audience members the candy that was given to the council by Gosling-Czubak.

*Wyman showed the "Rainbow Trout Award" presented to the Grayling City Council by the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

XI. Adjournment

03-12

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by 9:23 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald L. Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser, husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber 0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows: **THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet, thence South 120 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION and also the South 33 feet of vacant Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.**

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP
Amy J. Durant (P54777)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-30-06-13-20

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Trudgeon and Natalie N. Trudgeon, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2001, and recorded on October 30, 2001 in Liber

558 on Page 20 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 03/100 dollars (\$74,276.03), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 4-C: Being a part of the NW 1/4 section 33, T27N, R3W and described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence S00°58'00"W along the 1/4 line 727.45 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Jones Lake Road; thence along said right of way line (next 3 courses) S53°45'00"W 201.5 feet; thence S58°10'00"W 689.55 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 676.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S36°47'22"E (recorded as S36°49'00"E) 272.07 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 400.71 feet; thence N36°38'44"W (recorded as N36°42'30"W) 272.08 feet; thence N52°03'00"E, along the Southerly right of way of Jones Lake Road 400.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122, Page 473; Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) after the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311491
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeasterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and E of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Will hold its budget hearing during the regular Township Meeting on February 11, at 7:00p.m. at Township Hall located at 5245 M-18.

If you require special needs such as hearing or other devices, please contact the Township Hall at 275-8232 at least five days prior.

Joe Myers, Supervisor

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200018865
Team J

-23-30-06-13

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311289
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Herbert E. Stephan and Susan M. Stephan, husband and wife, of 3009 Rasmus, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated September 5, 1984 and recorded September 5, 1984 in Liber 228 in Crawford County Records on Pages 108-111, such Mortgage being given to secure two Promissory Notes payable to the Government; and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Four and 87/100 (\$66,504.87) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County on the 12th day of February, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 11.875% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said

Mortgage are situated in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 12 and 13, Oak Acres Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT to building and use restrictions as contained in instrument recorded at Liber 49, Page 453, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: January 15, 2003
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
Running, Wise & Ford P.L.C.
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, (now known as Rural Development), United States Dept. of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-16-23-30-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay, husband and wife, whose address is 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Mortgage & Investment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1
Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 275.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with the right of ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point of the Easterly right-of-way line of Old U.S. 27 Highway, located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending. P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Ave., NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
Northpointe Bank
770 Kenmoor SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #03-1: Harold Grifka, petitioner
T26N, R2W, Sec. 8
40-008-12-180-00
1309 M-72 East
R-F Zone

A request to add a 12' x 24' covered porch to the side of an existing residence. Closest point of new construction 22' to the east side lot line, a variance of 13'. (Amended from 1-20-03, to correct a measuring error).

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 7, 1980

Seventeen year old Toni Trudgeon was crowned Miss Grayling 1980 at the Winter Pageant extravaganza. She was crowned by Sue Burr, last year's Miss Grayling. Named first runner-up was Susan Weeber, while Sue Nicholas was named second runner-up.

While the number of complaints investigated by city police officers increased by 24 percent, at the same time incidents of major crime showed a decrease in 1979, according to a recently released annual report from Police Chief Pete Stephan.

Last Saturday's running of the 1980 White Pine Stampede, drew a field of almost 200 skiers from far and wide to battle the bitter temperatures in the 20 and 50 kilometer events, the latter was won by Bob Kemp of Prudenville, with a winning time of 3:42.27, just ahead of Butch Stockton who finished less than five minutes later. David Hayes of Grayling, finished third with a time of 3:56.12.

Three students from Grayling Middle School, have been named local winners in the 11th annual America & Me Essay Contest.

The three, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are Teresa M. Barber, first; Alice F. Matyn, second; and Rae Ann McEvers, third.

It was speed and agility vs. height and strength last Friday as Grayling played against the arch rival Gaylord Blue Devils in a game that may well have determined the winner of the conference. The Vikings succumbed to the Devils, 54-40, losing their grip on a share of the lead in the league race.

The Vikings failed to daunt Detroit Free Press pollsters as they ranked Grayling seventh in Class C.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Crawford County has received a grant of \$1,000 from St. Francis Episcopal Church to assist in the establishment of a viable program in Crawford County.

Low temperatures for February 1 was -15 degrees, the high being 19 degrees.

46 Years Ago February 7, 1957

The annual cherry pie baking contest was held Monday at the Grayling High School. Nineteen girls took part in the contest. The winner of the event was Mickey Mikesell. Miss Ilene Horning placed second in the contest, Marlene Yoder third.

Crawford County, from the latest Government and other data, is witnessing a birth rate that is running 13 percent ahead of the average in the United States.

The birth rate is 28.6 births per 1,000 among local residents.

The Grayling Vikings and the Boyne City Ramblers continued in a tie for the leadership of the Northern Class C Conference as Grayling dropped the Pellston Hornets 75 to 57.

More than 6,000 winter sports enthusiasts and sightseers are expected at the annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival February 9-10.

Grayling Winter Carnival spot-lights a Michigan resort area that pioneered the development of winter sports as a vacation attraction. Grayling was the first Michigan com-

munity to establish an organized winter all-sport area. That was in 1929.

What a price! What a Buick! Manufacturer's suggested retail price for a 2-door special 6-passenger Buick sedan is \$2,595.83, including delivery, handling and Federal Excise taxes.

69 Years Ago February 8, 1934

Camp AuSable, Civilian Conservation Corps, are happy at having received the distinction of being chosen as the best camp in the Fourth Forestry district, when they were inspected by Major Falk and Capt. Hill of Chicago.

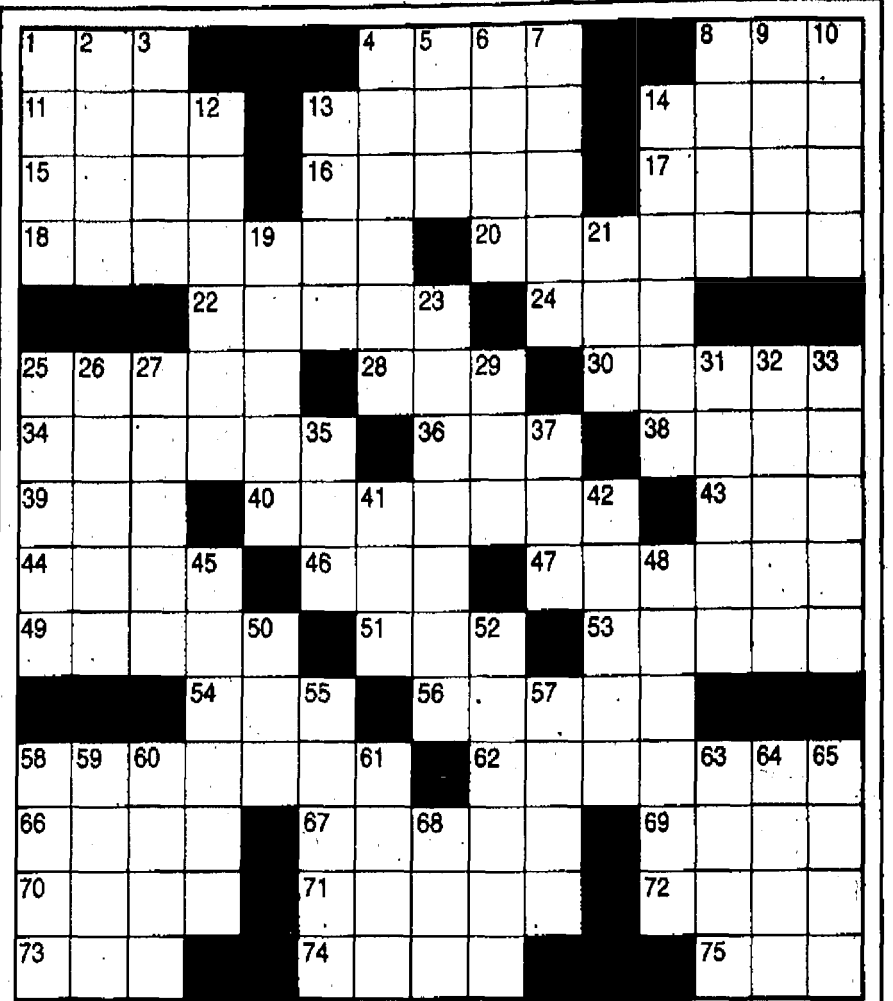
After the temperature hovered below zero all day Wednesday, during the following morning it dropped to 38 degrees below zero.

92 Years Ago February 9, 1911

The fiercest storm of the year reached Grayling about 1 p.m. Sunday. It was nearly a hurricane from the east with snow, which continued all day Monday.

The greenhouse which was projected last fall by J.H. Cook is no longer a project, but a fixed institution for our village, and is now in business.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Cold and unfriendly
4. Passing fashions
8. Polka pattern part
11. Pretty pitiful grades
13. Two-listed type
14. Work animal
15. She, in Paree
16. Happen next
17. Finishes
18. Said to be
20. Least hairy
22. She was jilted by Jason
24. Defective bomb
25. Author Tillie
28. Cookbook item: abbr.
30. Follow the reaper
34. Pane locale
36. Singer Orblson
38. Author Gardner
39. ___ tizzy (2 wds.)
40. One who decides a matter
43. Squabble
44. Guy with a pocket protector
46. Indeed, in Psalms
47. Powerful
49. Mercouri, for one
51. Pacino and Capone
53. Ocean movements
54. Bridal adjunct

56. City "porch"
58. Pinball palaces
62. O'Hare or Kennedy
66. Brewing choices
67. Scarlet Letter daughter
69. At any time
70. Ms. Hart of Peter Gunn
71. Abates
72. Playmate for Pebbles
73. Rene's refusal
74. Benevolent, protective ones
75. Banned insecticide: abbr.

21. Tote
23. Blimp shots
25. Having debts
26. Inside layer
27. Capture
29. Bivouac bed
31. Miscalculated
32. Alienated
33. Salamanders
35. Disdainfully ironic
37. Slangy assent
41. "Luck ___ Lady" (2 wds.)
42. Chopper Blade
45. Lower
48. Left the waiter money
50. Billy the ___
52. Gapes
55. Cheyenne abode
57. Fixes a squeak
58. Egyptian solar disk
59. Tackle anew
60. Novelist James ___
61. ___ point (Siamese type)
63. Post exiled by Augustus
64. Rive
65. Move, like an exploring dog
68. Pump, in a way

DOWN

1. Notion
2. Battery Unit
3. Whoop
4. Car feature
5. Noon preceders: abbr.
6. Besmear
7. Sam or J.C. of golf
8. Sand hill
9. Auto pioneer
10. Take for a trial run
12. Appeared to be
13. Consider
14. Interfere
19. Salami variety

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



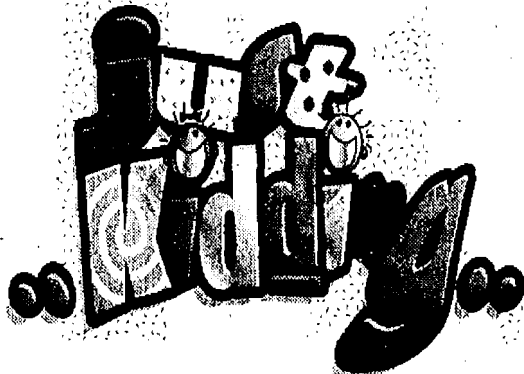
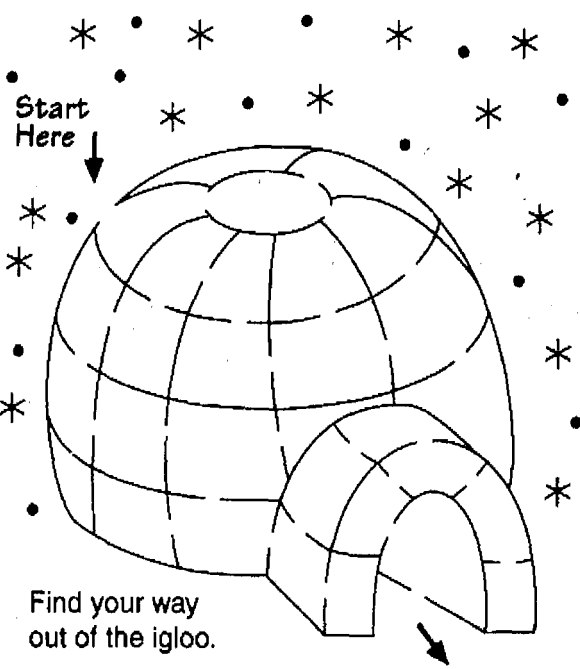
Orange Mango Potatoes

- 2 cups Orange Mango Juice
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 3 lbs. yams, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly oil a 2- to 3-quart baking dish. Set aside. In a

saucepan, combine juice with brown sugar and spices. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Spread half of the potatoes in the prepared dish. Sprinkle with raisins and walnuts. Spread with remaining potatoes, and pour liquid mixture over the top. Cover and bake until tender, about 1 hour, basting several times. Raise the temperature to 425°F, uncover and bake an additional 30 minutes until juices are thick and top is nicely browned.

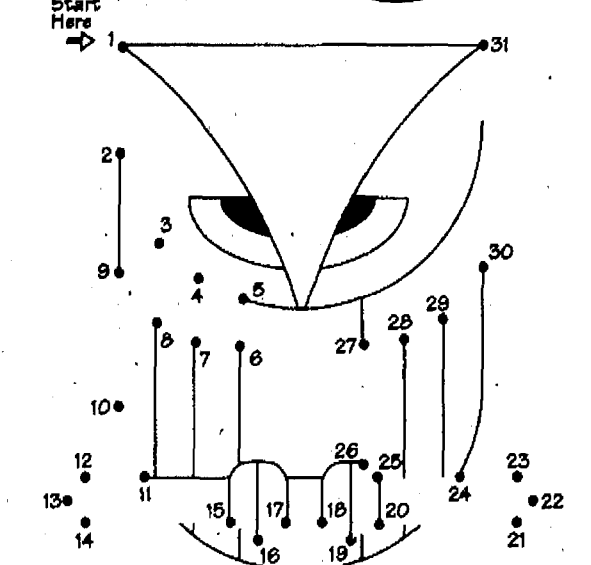
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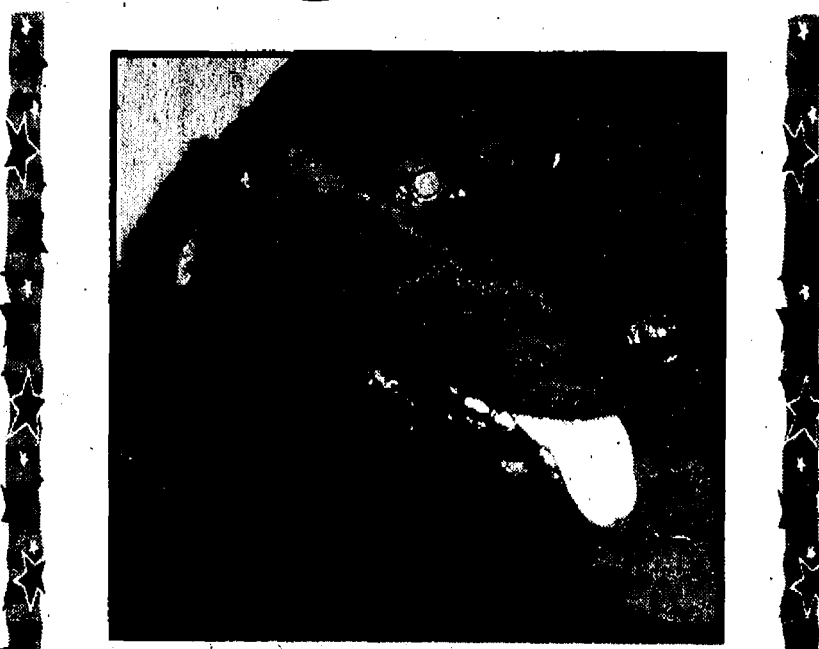
DID YOU KNOW

Earthworms get air from spaces between particles of soil. When it rains, earthworms come to the surface to avoid drowning!

connect the dots



Adopt a Pet



Mika is a spayed female black lab. She is approximately 10 months old and still a puppy at heart. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 6, 2003

December 22 - January 19

Be prepared for rough times at work. You are making great strides in building your self-confidence. Don't give up—you have almost reached your goal.

March 21 - April 19

You've made remarkable progress at work and your boss has noticed. Treat yourself to dinner and don't forget to thank those who helped you.

June 22 - July 22

A friend is getting creative in the kitchen, and several of their dishes have received rave reviews. Compliment them on their creativity, and spice up your life with a new hobby.

September 23 - October 23

A coworker has an unhealthy obsession. Speak to them about it. You have more influence on their life than you know.

January 20 - February 18

You will face many challenges at work this week. Tackle them one at a time. Get out your suitcase—travel is in the forecast.

April 20 - May 20

An old flame returns with a special request. Honor it only if it won't cause conflict. A special delivery is headed your way.

July 23 - August 22

Make the most of the first part of the week. You'll soon be buried in a new project at work. A family member needs some advice.

October 23 - November 21

You are overcome with joy as you read a long-distance communication. Share your good news with others and celebrate with an evening out.

November 22 - December 21

You're feeling on top of the world this week. There's nothing you can't accomplish. Share your optimism with others and make everyone feel good.

January 22 - February 19

An elderly friend is feeling isolated. Set aside some time to visit them and encourage them to join an organization or take up a hobby that will get them out of the house.

March 20 - April 19

You'll hear and see a lot at the office this week. Learn from it and use it to your advantage. If you have ideas, make sure to communicate them but one or two else beats you to it.

May 20 - June 21

Your boss asks you to take the lead on a project, but you're hesitant since it requires you to teach. Don't worry—you're a better teacher than you think.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/29	23	11	1
1/30	16	-16	
1/31	29	8	
2/01	29	22	3
2/02	30	24	
2/03	29	27	1
2/04	29	20	1

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 15	High 10	High 18	High 25	High 22	High 19
Low 1	Low -6	Low 4	Low -1	Low -4	Low 0
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow	Snow Showers	Light Snow

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

County Building Courthouse
Feb. 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Property Address: 3009 Rasmus Drive, Grayling, MI
Minimum Bid: \$42,200 + \$1.00
3 bedrooms, 1 bath
Property Size: 21,600 SF
Redemption Period: six (6) months

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.

For information contact:
USDA Rural Development
240 W. Wright St.
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-5470

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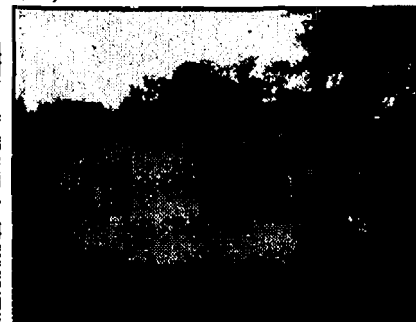
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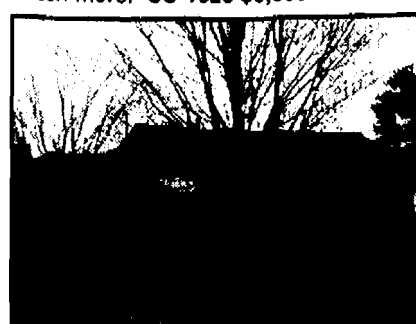
LARGE HOME offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000



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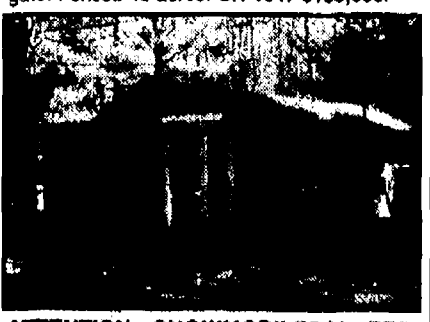
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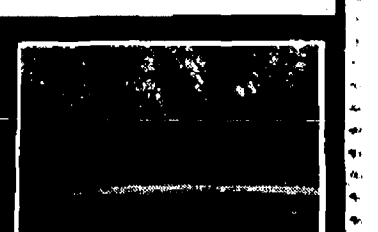
"Great Income Opportunity!" Good occupancy history for great income opportunity. 5 unit apartment building with laundry hook-up in each unit and newer appliances in most units. Listed below appraised value. Owners are licensed realtors in the State of Michigan. \$149,900 #225092



Location & Convenience! Great location! Large corner lot within walking distance to downtown Grayling. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with full basement. \$49,900 #222684



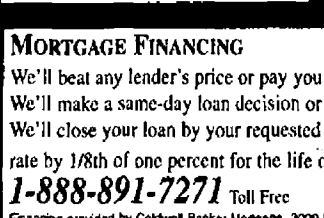
Ideal Little Home for Starter or Weekend! Great little 1 bedroom, 2 bath house for a starter home or a weekend getaway. Block basement has lots of storage and a full bath. \$33,000 #222639



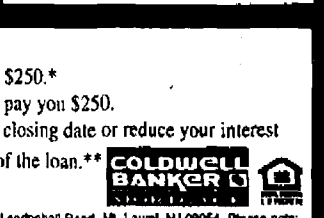
Nice Home for Family! Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this 3BR, 1 bath home is just off a major paved road. Completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #220100



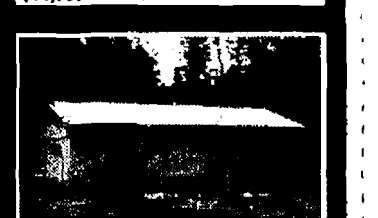
Rental Income Land Contract Terms! Great rental opportunity. 4 separate rentals in 2 separate mobiles, each rental having 1 bedroom, kitchen, living room and bath. Each mobile is 720 sq. ft. Excellent income, great condition, possible land contract terms. \$60,000 #224556



Brand New Spacious Home! Brand new 2 BR, 1 bath home complete with full finished basement, high efficiency furnace, oak cabinets, open spacious floor plan, blacktop drive and 2 car garage. \$89,900 #224484



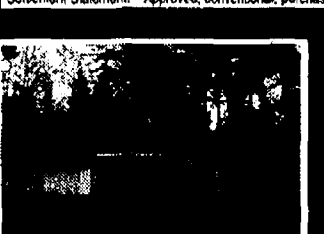
Charm-Comfort-Location! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home close to town in a very nice neighborhood. 2 car attached garage, sprinkler system and natural gas. \$106,500 #224207



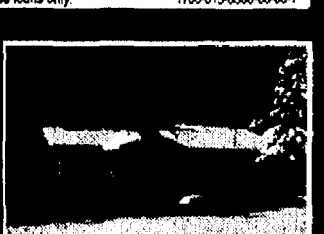
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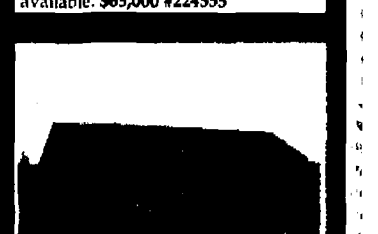
Stunning Log Home! Beautiful, well-built 3 BR, 2 bath home with lots of extras. Master bedroom suite, solid oak and pine flooring, cathedral ceiling, 6-panel solid doors throughout. Hickory kitchen cabinets, gas fireplace and more! Must see to really appreciate its quality! \$215,000 #224031



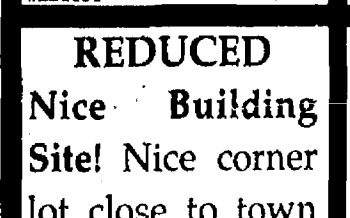
Beautiful Hunting Property! Beautiful hunting and snowmobile country. Adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. \$24,900 #221105



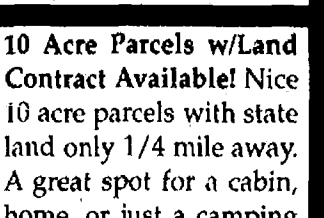
Beautiful Garden Island! Own a piece of Garden Island. Beautiful, buildable lakefront property with beach! Wildlife galore. Privacy on a mostly state owned island. DNR cabin south of property can be reserved for use. Trails throughout island. Abundance of history. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. \$195,000 #10577



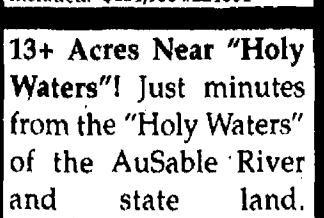
Reduced Nice Building Site! Nice corner lot close to town with well, septic and electricity already on site. \$12,500 #220014



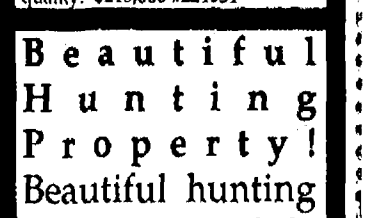
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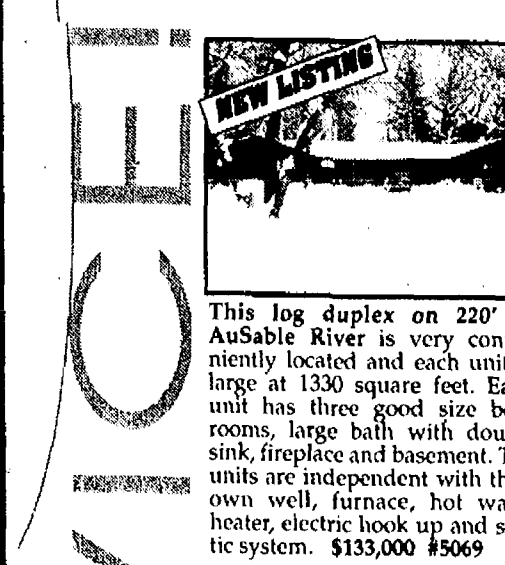
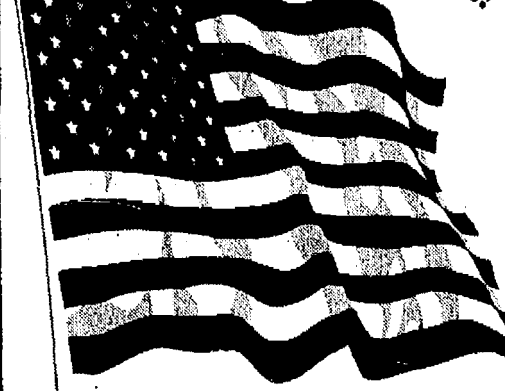


Charming remodeled home featuring new roof, vinyl siding, kitchen, majority of windows, 2.5 ton central air conditioning, a green house off the living room and gazebo in the back! Garage is insulated, drywalled and heated. A must see. \$83,000 #5065

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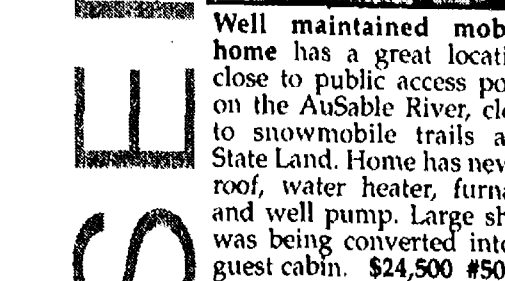
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This log duplex on 220' of AuSable River is very conveniently located and each unit is large at 1330 square feet. Each unit has three good size bedrooms, large bath with double sink, fireplace and basement. The units are independent with their own well, furnace, hot water heater, electric hook up and septic system. \$133,000 #5069



Well maintained mobile home has a great location close to public access point on the AuSable River, close to snowmobile trails and State Land. Home has newer roof, water heater, furnace and well pump. Large shed was being converted into a guest cabin. \$24,500 #5049



A "Rare Gem" 1208' of frontage on the AuSable River. "Holy Waters" with a variance to build closer to the river! This clean two bedroom cabin is turn key ready and is perfect for all season recreational fun. Steps lead down to a beautiful view of the world famous AuSable River. \$160,500 #4958



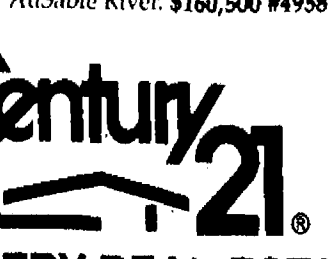
On the main stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters"! Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stones throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view! Comes furnished except for: log bed, oak chest, futon, deer and pheasant mounts. Antique wood cook stove can be purchased separate from sale. \$168,000 #5070



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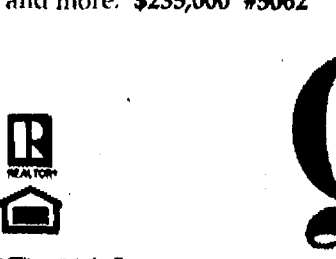
One bedroom with attached garage and large storage shed on 1.9 acres. New roof, electric service, hot water heater, wall furnace and vertical blinds. Extensive remodeling in 2002. Three ceiling fans and two window air conditioners. 5000W generator, riding mower and snow blower included. \$68,000 #5072



This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full baths, and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about two miles away. \$73,500 #5034



Nicely maintained home on 5.78 acres located close to the AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Featuring 1,500 square feet with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, over 40 feet of kitchen counter space, enclosed screened porch and garden area. \$92,000 #5040



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2002 SKI-DOO MXZ 500 Fan, Yellow, electric start, reverse, garage kept, showroom new, 1,250 miles. \$4,950. (989) 821-9367 (-30-6/5)

AMISH LOG BED and queen pillowtop mattress set. New in plastic. Cost \$900, sacrifice for \$225. Call (989) 539-3910 or (989) 429-0062. (-6-13/5)

3. Employment

Office Support Specialist: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for a part-time (32 hours per week) faculty office support specialist. Qualified applicants will have the ability to provide a variety of office support functions in the faculty office. Hourly pay rate of \$9.18-\$12.39 commensurate with education and experience; limited fringe benefit package. Send letter of application, resume, and three letters of reference to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 21, 2003. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. For a complete position description, visit our web site at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us> or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239.

ARE YOU A PROUD PARENT OR GRANDPARENT?

THE AVALANCHE WILL BE PRINTING A SPECIAL COLOR SECTION CALLED - **CRAWFORD COUNTY'S SWEETHEARTS 2003**

SEND IN YOUR RECENT PHOTO OF YOUR SWEETHEART TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION. DEADLINE IS **FEBRUARY 14, 2003. THE COST IS \$10.00 FOR EACH PHOTO SUBMITTED. PLEASE SEND PHOTOS WITH GOOD CONTRAST. SORRY NO GROUP PHOTOS.**

CLIP AND SUBMIT WITH PHOTO

Child's Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Grandparent's Name(s): _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling MI 49738 989-348-6811

4 X 8 Lighted Signs and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

FOUND FEMALE CAT Grey and White long hair. Call (989) 348-2473. (-6/7)

8. Announcements

GRAYLING EAGLES AUXILIARY 3465 Will hold elections for their delegates to go to the state convention in June 2003 on Thursday Feb. 6, 2003 during the hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Voting to take place at the Eagles Club, 602 Huron St., Grayling. (-6/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Feb. 5 - Feb. 8 Ashberry Jam, Feb. 12 - Feb. 15 Risque Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-6-13/8)

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02tf/8)



Crawford County United Way

Crawford County United Way will be holding an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 8:15 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors officers, and the 2002 Annual Report. Members are encouraged to attend. Any questions please call April Brunger, Crawford County United Way Director at 344-9300.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

11. Automotive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 14, 2003 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at Crawford County Sheriff's Office at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicles prior to the sale.

Year 1994, Make Suzuki (dirt bike), Model ZM125, Color Yellow & White, VIN# JS1RF14ASR2100184.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Baerlocher at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. (989) 348-4616.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

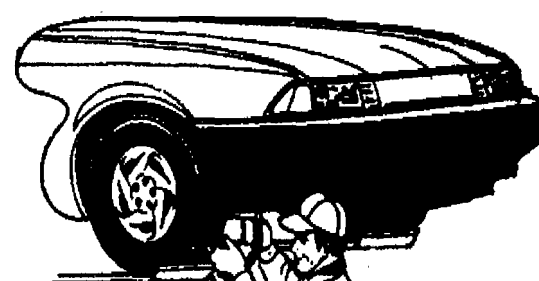
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Year 2000, Make New Horizon (25' fiberglass powerboat w/trailer), Model Pleasure, Color Blue & White, VIN# H178202417. This boat has been stripped and has no engine, out drive, seating, or steering etc.

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REGISTERED NURSE or LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE needed immediately to do home health visits throughout the West Branch area on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. This part-time position offers paid mileage and excellent benefits.

Competitive pay range based on experience.
2 years med/surg, home care, or private service experience required.

For more information call:
(800) 252-2065 or (989) 343-1100
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Munson Home Health
335 East Houghton Ave., West Branch, MI 48661

MidMichigan Medical Center
Midland

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland is seeking on-call Occupational Therapists. The successful candidates must be OTR and preferably have at least one to two years experience in rehab, mental health and orthopedics. We offer a competitive salary and desirable work environment. Please forward a cover letter and resume to Human Resources Dept., MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland, 4005 Orchard Drive, Midland, MI 48670; Fax (989) 839-3141. EOE.

Program Coordinator

The Grayling Housing Commission is seeking a program coordinator to oversee and coordinate the Homeownership Program sponsored by the Housing Commission. The program coordinator must have three to five years experience in programs related to section 8 rental vouchers and Family Self Sufficiency. Ability to counsel, encourage and coordinate educational activities to help clients to achieve their goals is a significant aspect of this program. Experience in developing and implementing new programs at a local, or state governmental level is necessary. Please contact Mr. Guy Quigley at 989-368-3097 to obtain an application.

North Central Community Mental Health

EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIALIST (2): Seeking individuals to work as team members to provide non registered day crisis services, defined after-hour emergency services on-call, and short term crisis interventions. Will provide jail services and jail diversion services in our four-county catchment area and clinical support to the Crisis Residential Home. Openings in Cadillac and Houghton Lake.

ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT ADVOCATE: Seeking individual to provide intensive mental health services to persons with serious and persistent mental illness. Will do social work assessments, service linkage, brokerage, advocacy, family support, modeling, and after hours emergency service coverage for the ACT Team consumers. Opening in Grayling.

All three positions require a Bachelor's Degree in Human Service field or Nursing, and must possess or qualify for Michigan Registration as a Social Worker or Social Work Technician. Competitive pay and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, MI, 49601 by 2/14/03. EOE

8. Announcements

PUBLIC NOTICE Grayling Eagles General Membership Meeting is rescheduled for Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m. and the regular second General Membership meeting is as normally scheduled. (-6/8)

LUNCHEON Hot and/or Cold Foods. Salad and Dessert included. \$5 per person. Thursday, February 6 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Take out available. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. (-6/8)

ARE YOU A SKIER or you would like to learn how to ski? Skyline After School Special on Friday's from 3:30 - 9:00 is for you. Lift tickets are \$7. Ski rentals are \$7 and get a free meal. If you've never tried skiing, take advantage of these discounted rates and we will provide a free group lesson if you make arrangements ahead of time. Call (989) 275-5445 Skyline Ski and Country Club. Just north of Higgins Lake off I-75, Exit 251. (-6-13-20/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday night, 8 oz. Prime Rib dinner \$9.95. Friday night all you can eat Deep Fried Icelandic Cod Fillet dinner \$9.95. Pan Fried Lake Perch or Walleye dinner \$11.99. Deep Fried Breaded Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday night BBQ rib. 1/2 slab \$9.95, full slab \$12.95. 12 oz. Ribeye steak \$12.95. All dinners are served with salad bar soup and potato. Other specials served daily. (989) 275-5445 (10/24/02/17/8)

9. Personals

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE 48, I won't trade you in for two 24-year-olds. Happy Birthday! 23XO (-6/9)

Michigan "Biker" Matchmaking

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Try thinning things down with an ad in the classifieds of the

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348-6811

11. Automotive

1990 GMC STAWAGON Runs great, clean, 350 motor, P.S., P.B. two wheel drive, air, two-tone luggage rack, running boards, visor with lights, good tires, tilt, cruise, power locks, power windows, tinted windows, trailer package Reese hitch. \$3,200 O.B.O. (989) 348-3260 (-6/11)

11. Automotive

1991 DODGE CONVERSION VAN 318 engine, very good condition. \$2,800 O.B.O. 1993 Dodge Shadow, very clean, good condition. \$1,500. (989) 348-7597 (-30-6-13/11)

2000 CHEVY VENTURE 36,000 miles. Asking \$12,500 O.B.O. (989) 348-4156 (LR 3/20/03/11)

11. Automotive

GMC SIERRA EXTENDED 4WD, Z71 350 automatic, loaded. 1991 has engine warranty remaining, excellent condition, matching Fiberglass cap, never any rust. \$8,900 (989) 348-8659 message. (1/23/03/11)

'90 F-150 X CAB 4 x 4, 5 speed, lots of miles. \$1,200 O.B.O. call after 5 p.m. (989) 344-2323 (-6/11)

Don't Forget Your Sweetie On Valentine's Day!
Place an ad in the Avalanche.
(989) 348-6811

WINTER USED CAR CLEARANCE

Next to New Cars

2000 CHEVY MALIBU LS
V6, power windows and doors, CD/Cassette, real nice! #19287-1
Was \$13,488
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS
Wow! Flame Red with power sunroof and lots of goodies! This one won't be here long! #19343-1
Was \$19,988
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof, air, spoiler, really sharp! #4728-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

2003 PONTIAC VIBE
Auto, air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$16,488 Not a Mistake!

1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1
Was \$15,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 SATURN LS1
Bigger Saturn with all of the small car reliability! Low miles and excellent condition! #4881
Was \$14,488
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 CHRYSLER SEBRING COUPE
Leather, loaded with power moonroof, chrome wheels, V6, it has it all! Best of all only 7,000 miles! #17950
Was \$25,475
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Cars Under \$10,000

1995 DODGE STRATUS
Wow! A really nice car and a great deal! #19645-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 SATURN SL1
4 dr., auto with air. Only 8,000 miles. #4895
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

1995 PLYMOUTH NEON
Great car for the price! #19279-1
Was \$3,988
Blowout Price \$2,988 Not a Mistake!

1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS
Leather and loaded! Clean and stender tall! #19395-2
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!

1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME
Very nice with only 55,000 miles! #19357-2
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

1998 DODGE NEON
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy! #18980-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means! #19465-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,488 Not a Mistake!

1999 DODGE NEON
Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice! #19419-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

1997 OLDS AURORA
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

1998 FORD TAURUS
GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

1996 CHRYSLER LHS
Wow! Leather, power moonroof, clean and sharp! #19620-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 CADILLAC CATERA
Really sharp and clean! Loaded with optional! Drive a Cadillac for a Chevy price! #18758-2
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Cars Under \$10,000 Cont.

1999 SATURN WAGON SW1
Auto, with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas Mileage! #4882
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Red! Wow! Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19263-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 BUICK LESABRE
Custom, popular "Sandhill" color, very nice and sharp! #19138-2
Was \$10,988
Blowout Price \$9,488 Not a Mistake!

Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's

2000 OLDSMOBILE BRAVADA
Creampu! Loaded with power sunroof, leather, CD, the works! Only 20,000 miles! #19667-1
Was \$18,988
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4 4-DR.
LT Model! Very clean and nice. Full power! #19425-1
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

1995 CHEVY K3500 4x4 PLOW TRUCK
Very nice and strong, Silverado trim, V8, working plow! #19434-1
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

1997 CHEVY K1500
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck. #19387-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4x4
Sportage, V8, very nice! Lots of extras! #4973
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4x4
V-6, XLT, Flarebody! Clean and nice! #4967-1
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter! #4923
Was \$19,988
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

2002 CHEVY SUBURBAN
don't pay \$45,000 for a brand new one! LS, fully equipped! #19666
Was \$32,988
Blowout Price \$29,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air! V8 with only 10,000 miles! #4889
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4x4
LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718
Was \$27,988
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4x4
Nice truck! #19437-1
Was \$16,988
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 DODGE DURANGO 4x4
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902
Was \$24,988
Blowout Price \$21,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1
Was \$22,988
Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new! #19311-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

2000 FORD WINDSTAR
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's Cont.

1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4x4
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4916
Was \$18,988
Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 S-10 EXT. CAB
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto, air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4620
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful! Unit #19317-1
Was \$18,488
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 FORD EXPLORER
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS
With leather, only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4847
Was \$22,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 PONTIAC MONTANA
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE
Wow! What a sweetest! Clean white with neutral leather. Top Show! #4945
Was \$33,988
Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 NISSAN XTERRA SE 4x4
Lots of extras and clean as a whistle! Priced to sell! #19559-1
Was \$18,988
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4x4
4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very clean! Equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4840
Was \$30,988
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 GMC YUKON
SLT, with leather! Clean and sharp! Has some miles, but what a deal! #4900
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY SILVERADO 4x4
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles! #19358-2
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19123-1
Was \$8,988
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1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4
2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter! #19210-2
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1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883
Was \$11,988
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1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB
2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped! #19253-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

1995 CHEVY C1500
2 Wheel drive, V8, stock. Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 FORD RANGER REGULAR CAB
2 Wheel drive "splash" truck with air. Really sharp! #18358-2
Was \$4,988
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1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO
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Proposed DDA district expanded

► Public hearing for DDA set for February 26 has been cancelled

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council has altered the boundaries of its proposed district for a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - increasing its size - and cancelled a planned public hearing that would have dealt with the DDA issue.

A DDA is a tool that can be used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its set district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

One of the steps involved with establishing a DDA is conducting a public hearing. The unit of government considering the creation of a DDA must approve a tentative district and publicize its intent for 20-40 days prior to the hearing.

The city council approved a tentative district at its January 13 regular meeting and voted 3-1 to set a public hearing for Wednesday, February 26. At the city council's next meeting - held last Monday - the council Continued on Page 3A
See "PROPOSED DDA..."

Hummers hit the trails

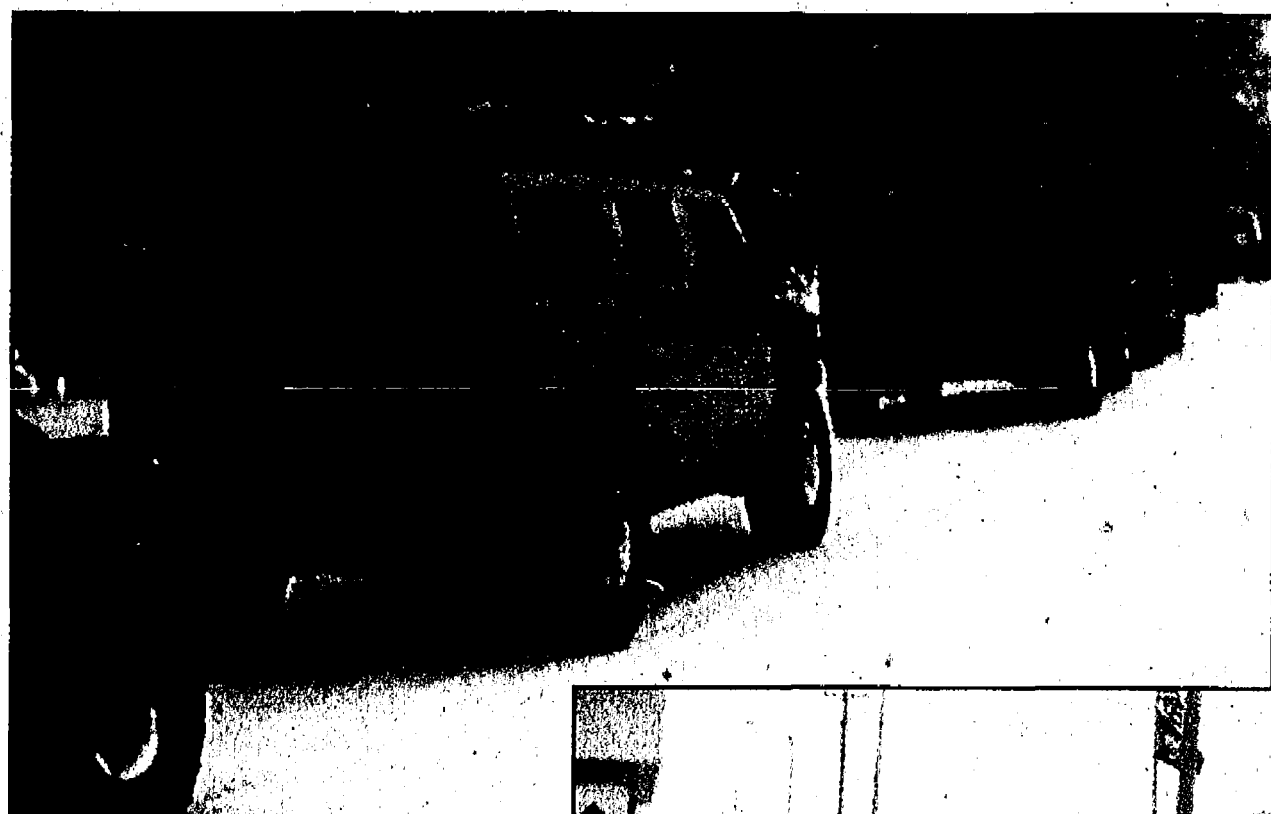


Photo courtesy of IHOG

(Above) IHOG members hit the trails of Crawford County in their annual snow run. (Right) Members gather outside the Holiday Inn to discuss their trip and get reacquainted.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

About 40 member vehicles of the International Hummer Owners Group, also known as "IHOG," traveled to Grayling on January 25 on the 4th Annual Michigan Hummer Snow Run.

Over 100 people, including entire families - from North Dakota, Georgia, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan - took to the streets and tank trails of Crawford County to experience the total capabilities of their Hummers and H-2s.

The vehicles were originally designed for use by the military, but its style and capabilities

drew a lot of attention in the private sector, causing the manufacturer to produce models available to the public.

Lead by IHOG Coordinator Rick Schmidt of Grosse Ile and Snow Run Coordinator Lee Townsend of Madison Heights, members met at the Holiday Inn where they split up into two groups and received goodie bags for their trip filled with snacks and other items donated by local businesses.

"The people here are just unbelievable," Townsend said. "Everyone is cordial and the service has been fantastic." During this year's snow run, IHOG members stopped to eat at Skyline Country Club and

Ski Resort in Beaver Creek Township, the Country Skillet in Kalkaska County, and McDonald's in Waters. "We always have a fabulous time up here and that's what keeps bringing us back."

IHOG members, more than 150 strong worldwide, pay no dues and the club has no elected officers.

Each member pays his or her own travel expenses for a variety of excursions throughout the year. "We just love gathering together for the love of one thing -- Hummers," Townsend said.

To learn more about IHOG, visit the club's web site at: www.ihog.info.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Last shuttle launch captured

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Mike Shearer recalls with great detail the final launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia at 10:39 a.m. on January 16. He and 17-year old foreign exchange student, Pawel Wojcik of Poland, experienced the powerful event from eight miles away while visiting Florida last month.

After waiting among thousands of spectators for about an hour under tight security in Titusville, near the Kennedy Space Center, Shearer said it took about 50 seconds from the time of the launch to hear the tremendous roar and feel the awesome rumbling of lift off.

As Saturday morning brought the sad news of the shuttle breaking up in the skies over Texas and Louisiana, Shearer was busy at Crawford County's 911 Central Dispatch. "I just felt sick when I heard the news." He then switched on the television and to catch coverage of the disaster.

Wojcik, who is staying with Shearer while attending Grayling High School, told Shearer he was so lucky to get to see something most kids never have a chance to see. Shearer said the young man is saddened by the February 1 disaster, as is the rest of the world.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is investigating the cause of Columbia's disintegration about 200,000 miles in the sky, at 9 a.m., just 16 minutes from its scheduled landing.

Seven astronauts died in the disaster: Shuttle Commander Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Ilan Ramon.

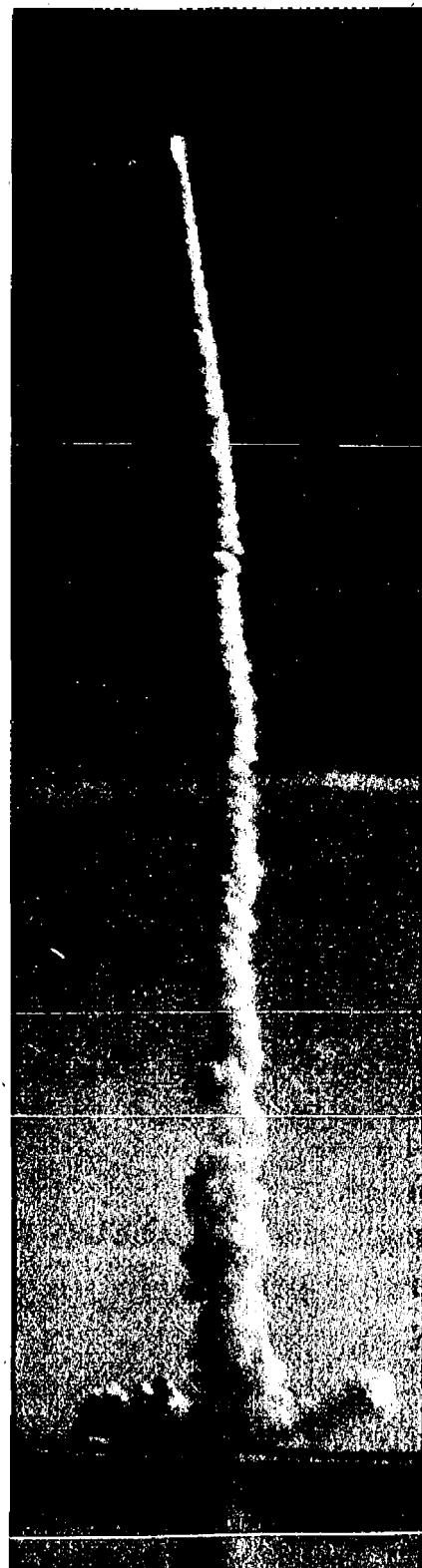


Photo courtesy of Mike Shearer

Grayling resident Mike Shearer shared this photo of the January 16 launch of the space shuttle Columbia. Seven astronauts died last Saturday when the space craft broke into fiery pieces in the sky.

One dead, three injured in snowmobile mishaps

► Deputies still looking for injured hit and run snowmobiler

Last Saturday, Frederic Township Fire and EMS and Crawford County Sheriff's personnel had their hands full answering four calls for rescue on local snowmobile trails. As with other calls so far this season, three of the accidents involved injuries that were not life-threatening, but one downstate man was killed in the fourth accident on February 1.

The first accident of the day occurred on the Frederic Snowmobile Trail near West Cameron Bridge Road and North Manistee River Road at approximately 8:20 a.m.

Carmen Waites, age 30 of Troy, was traveling with her 13-year old daughter as a passenger when her new snowmobile, with only 121 miles logged, left the trail and struck a tree. Both were thrown from the snowmobile and injured. Frederic Township

EMS personnel, assisted by Mobile Medical Response (MMR) paramedics, transported them to Mercy Hospital in Grayling where mother and daughter were treated for their injuries.

Both victims were wearing helmets and alcohol was not a factor in the accident. The snowmobile was a total loss.

The second accident occurred at approximately 1:20 p.m., in Lovells Township, near Wakeley Bridge Road and Buck Trail on the Lovell Lewiston Snowmobile Trail, in northeast Crawford County.

Sgt. Randell Baerlocher reported a snowmobile driven by Justin Allen, age 15 of Beaverton, was traveling east-bound on the trail with his father and some friends when a west-bound snowmobiler rounded a curve and hit Allen's machine head on. Both snowmobilers were thrown from their sleds. Allen's snowmobile was severely damaged, but he was uninjured.

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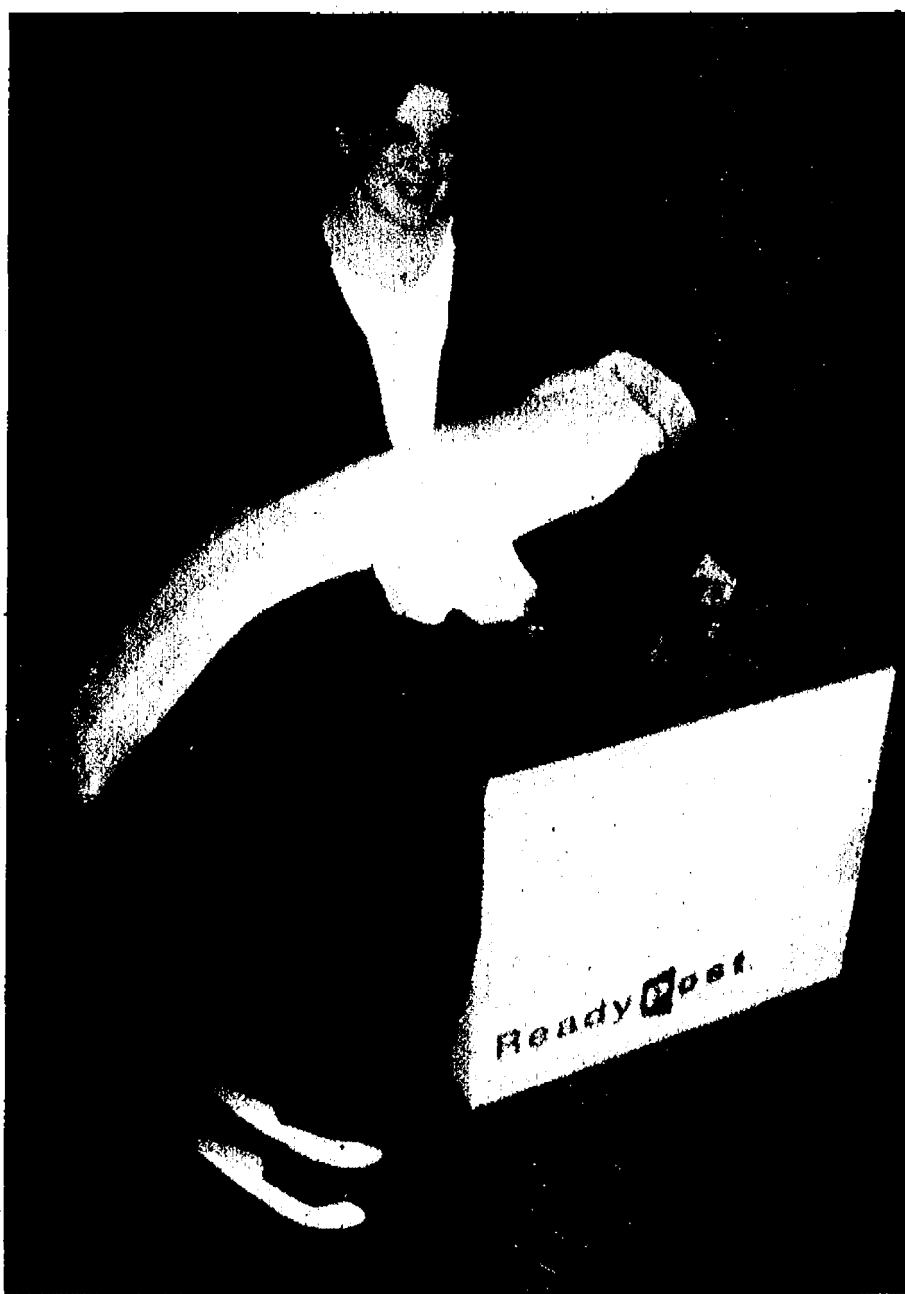
by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

From the first time a little girl learns the story of Cinderella, she most likely dreams of one day going to the ball. As she grows older, she learns "the ball" is actually called the Prom or Homecoming Dance, and that's okay with her. She will still feel like a princess wearing a formal dress or long gown... that's if she can afford it.

Heidi Niederer, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate and history major studying at Central Michigan University, knows the cost of getting dressed up and the informal network of sharing gowns with other young ladies in Crawford County to help save money when preparing for a formal dance. It's with this knowledge that she hopes to help other young ladies less fortunate than she who attend the inner city Chicago Public Schools.

While surfing the Internet recently, Niederer happened upon the Glass Slipper Project

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Now a college student, Heidi Niederer has gathered up her prom dresses and accessories, and is sending them to the Glass Slipper Project in Chicago. There the dresses will be given to inner city high school girls so that they may go to their Senior Prom.

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Snowmobile trail through town completed

► Trail networks north and south of Grayling are now connected

After many years of work by many different people in many different organizations, the Through Town Trail Connector — a snowmobile trail that connects trails north of Grayling to those south of town — is complete. It has been open to snowmobile traffic for almost three weeks.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, one of the driving forces behind the Through Town Trail project, said in a written announcement, "The 'Through Town Trail Connector' is providing a safe and legal snowmobile route through the City of Grayling. The connector utilizes private property easements, allowing snowmobile traffic to and from the south end of Grayling to connect to the county's northern trail system. Without the connector, snowmobiles would have had to travel an additional 15 miles to reach the other trail system."

Specifically, the Through Town Connector links the Fred Bear Connector — a six-mile trail that connects the Frederic Trail



On Friday, January 31 several local people representing a variety of local groups participated in a dedication ceremony for the Through Town Trail Connector at the trail near the County Building. The ceremony included a speech by Chamber President Tim Zigila, who said the project got help from many people and organizations, including the Grayling Area Visitors Council, MDOT, Lake State Railway, Grayling Mini Mall, Grayling Country Club, AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, and many volunteers and donors.

and Kalkaska's Blue Bear Trail — with trails south of Grayling, including the Hanson Hills Trail and the Houghton Lake Trail.

From the north end, it runs from M-72 West along the railroad tracks south past the County Building to Grayling Country Club.

The trail goes behind the

Grayling Mini Mall and Glen's to Golf View Drive. After about 50 yards on Golf View Drive, the trail runs south in front of Patti's Towne House, Day's Inn, and Holiday Inn and connects with the trail network south of town.

The process of completing the trail has involved securing of right-of-way in several places,

clearing areas behind the mini mall, adding signage and fencing, and raising money for the project.

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association — a local group that grooms over 70 miles of snowmobile trail in Crawford County — has been grooming the trail.

One dead, three injured in snowmobile mishaps

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The other snowmobiler was injured, however left the scene on his severely damaged 1998 or 1999 Skidoo, believed to be an MXZ model, black in color. Witnesses said the snowmobile had severe front end damage and the skis were bent in an upward fashion.

Deputies are investigating the accident and have not been able to determine the identity of the driver of the "hit and run" snowmobile. Anyone with information regarding this accident is urged to contact Sgt. Baerlocher at (989) 348-4616, ext. 217 or write an e-mail to: sergeant@crawfordsheriff.org.

The third accident occurred at about 1:40 p.m. on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township, just north of Grayling High School.

Nineteen-year-old Lauren Aguanno of Fair Haven was traveling eastbound when her snowmobile left the trail and struck a tree, throwing the teen from the sled. Aguanno suffered a broken leg and other minor injuries. She was transported from the trail by the Frederic Fire and Rescue Snowmobile Sled, and then taken by ambulance to Mercy

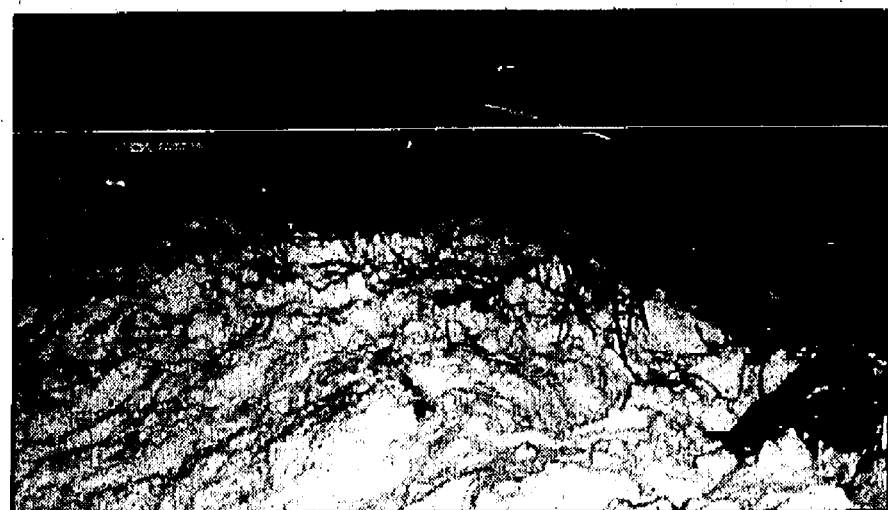


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Kenneth DeWyse's helmet lies near his snowmobile and the tree he struck last Saturday in Frederic Township. DeWyse died from extensive head injuries.

Hospital by Frederic Township EMS with MMR paramedics assisting.

Aguanno was wearing a helmet and alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Reese resident Kenneth James DeWyse, age 35, was killed in the fourth and final accident of the day occurred around 8:45 p.m. in Frederic Township on North Howes Lake Road near West Batterson Road.

Sgt. Baerlocher said DeWyse was traveling southbound when his snowmobile left the road and hit a tree. He was taken to Mercy

Hospital by Frederic EMS with MMR paramedics, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. DeWyse died from extensive head injuries. He was wearing a helmet.

Deputies were assisted by Michigan State Police Troopers out of Houghton Lake and determined that alcohol was a factor in the fatal accident.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt all snowmobilers to reduce their speed and, as with operating any motor vehicle, don't drink and drive.

Police to resume search for missing snowmobilers

HOUGHTON LAKE — The Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post have accepted an offer by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Dive Team to resume the search for two snowmobilers presumed drowned on Houghton Lake.

Sanilac County divers conduct routine ice-diving exercises each winter at Higgins Lake. This

year, the department has offered to combine their training with a renewed search effort for brothers David and Jody Sperry, who disappeared January 12 while crossing Houghton Lake on snowmobiles.

Sanilac County divers will meet with State Police and Roscommon County Sheriff's officials soon to map out a strategy for the search. Weather permitting, divers will enter the

water in early February.

Earlier searches by State Police and Roscommon County divers were suspended January 15 due to deteriorating ice conditions and poor visibility. Side-scanning sonar failed at that time to locate the snowmobiles that were driven by the brothers that might have led them close to the bodies.

Officials are hopeful that improved conditions will assist in the recovery effort.

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Alef named Booster of the Year

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has named John Alef the 2003 Booster of the Year.

Before over 130 of Alef's friends, colleagues and family members, Grayling Youth Booster Club President Rick Schmidt presented a timepiece plaque to the club's outgoing board member for his years of dedicated service.

The presentation was made at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's January 23 Business After Hours. The Booster Club was a co-sponsor of the event.

Alef has just retired from his 17-year position as the organization's Treasurer. He has been an active member since 1986, helping with many Booster Club events and raffles.

"John has been a tremendous asset to the Booster Club,"

Schmidt said. "We have always been able to depend on his expertise and will probably look to him for guidance in the future."

Alef accepted the award with many thanks to the Board and club members and confirmed he would be available if the club needs him.

Membership dues in the Grayling Youth Booster Club is \$5 annually or \$75 lifetime. During a historical presentation about the club made by Board member Max Tobin, he said, "Your \$5 membership in the Grayling Youth Booster Club is the best investment in town."

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has helped hundreds of local kids participate in sports, music, scouting and many other extracurricular activities and will continue to do so with help from businesses and individuals in the community.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling resident John Alef humbly accepts a timepiece plaque from the Grayling Youth Booster Club's Board of Directors, recognizing him for 17 years of service as its Treasurer.

Proposed DDA district expanded

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voted 3-1 to change the proposed district.

The changes include the addition of the Bear Archery property (now owned by local businessman Bill Gannon), the South I-75 Business Loop to the city limits, and the County Building.

With the alteration of the district, the February 26 public hearing had to be cancelled. It is up to the city council to select a new date for a public hearing if its members wish to proceed with the DDA process.

On Monday night, council members discussed the DDA issue and the size of the proposed district.

Councilman Roger Moshier and Mayor Dave Wyman both expressed concern that a district too large could hamper the city's general fund finances by capturing too much of its growth.

ing too much of its growth.

"The city's got to have something to survive on too," Moshier said. With increases in equipment costs and wages, "would we have to increase the millage to make up for the loss? The city has to survive without raising the millage."

Wyman said the city needs to find "balance" with regard to the district in order to be "fiscally responsible."

Councilman Dennis Palmer said that improving downtown through a DDA would result in addition of retailers and more employees working in the city, increasing the city's tax revenues.

Palmer said that although the DDA does capture increases within the district, effectively limiting what can be done with that amount of money, the bene-

fits of an improved downtown would "snowball" and the money lost to the DDA would be made up with increases outside the district (within the city) as the Grayling area improves and grows.

"We certainly don't want the DDA to become a detriment to the city," said Bill Gannon, a member of the city's DDA advisory committee. "If the city coffers do get drained, you can simply reduce the size of the district."

"It probably will never become an issue," he added.

"The DDA isn't forever," said Tim Zigala, DDA committee member. "It's done in phases. The district can be made smaller as projects get finished in an area."

Palmer made the motion to increase the size of the district.

Councilman Jerry Hayes provided a second. The motion passed 3-1 with Moshier voting "no." Moshier also voted "no" on January 13 with regard to setting the public hearing for February 26. (Councilman Brian Banda was absent.)

"I still have my concerns," Wyman said, "but I think we need a DDA."

Crawford Republicans attend state convention

The Michigan Republican Party held its State Convention in Grand Rapids, January 24-25, for the purpose of electing party officers. Attending from Crawford County were delegates Randy Black, Sam Moore, Sandy Moore, and Art Thayer. Alternates Kathy Black and Jerry Hayes also attended.

As a part of the convention, the First Congressional District caucused on Friday night. Thayer was elected as one of the six First District members on the Michigan State Republican Committee and Randy Black was elected to the 15-member First District Executive Committee for two-year terms.

This will be Thayer's 10th term on the state committee, having represented the 10th

District from 1984 to 1992 and the 4th District from 1992 to 2002 while Crawford County was in those Congressional Districts.

Kathy Black was unsuccessful in her bid for a spot on the State Committee.

On Saturday, the convention elected Betsy DeVos of Kent County as State Chairman. She previously served in that position from 1996 to 2000. In the election of six vice-chair positions, Sam Moore was unsuccessful in his bid for the Third or Youth Vice Chair position.

The convention also proposed three issues the state party will support. Issue One would remove the cap on the number of charter schools that can be chartered by a Michigan university.

Issue Two would require the Michigan Secretary of State to list all viable candidates from both major political parties on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot. Finally, Issue Three would show the Michigan Republican Party supports our Congressional delegates in Washington, D.C. and urges the elimination of the Capital Gains Tax.

State Chairman DeVos will be the main speaker at the Crawford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m., at Methodist Memorial United Methodist Church. Tickets for this event are available by contacting County Republican Chair Jim Minthorn at 348-1002 or Art Thayer at 348-7253.

Frederic man pleads guilty to attempted arson

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A Frederic Township man, charged with arson last summer after he tried to set fire to an old ice manufacturing plant, pled guilty to a lesser charge of attempted arson early last month. He is due to be sentenced early this month in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew made the plea after he and his attorney reached an agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, dismissing the original charge of arson of real property, a 10-year felony. Huss also agreed to drop a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge pending in 83rd District Court.

In his sworn testimony January 9, before Judge Dennis F. Murphy, Mayhew stated, "I tried to burn the old ice house" on County Road 612 in Frederic Township. He described how he stuck a piece of paper in a wall near some plywood and lit it on fire.

Frederic Township Fire personnel extinguished the fire quickly early in the evening of

August 16. The building suffered minor smoke damage.

Witnesses near the scene that evening identified Mayhew as the person who set the fire and told Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies investigating the fire that Mayhew watched the progress of the fire and work of the fire fighters from across the street.

The Sheriff's Office reported

last summer that Mayhew has a history of setting fires in the Frederic area.

Judge Murphy cancelled Mayhew's bond to ensure he continues to receive treatment from the local mental health agency while awaiting sentencing in the county jail.

Mayhew now faces a maximum sentence of only five years in prison.

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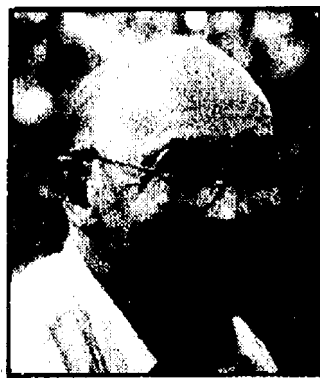
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Governor paints dire picture for news folks

When Governor Jennifer Granholm, keeping with tradition, met with about 300 or so editors, publishers and assorted news folks at the 2003 convention of the Michigan Press Association the other day, she painted a dark picture about what's ahead for Michigan government.

Most of the paint she used was red, as in red ink.

Ms. Granholm took on the task of explaining Michigan's budget problems without putting her listeners in a daze.

She did pretty well, too.

Most of the basic facts are well known: The state is already about \$300 million or so behind the eight ball in the 2002-03 fiscal year which is about one-third gone already.

In addition, Governor Granholm next month must present a balanced budget for the next fiscal year which begins in October. That one's a couple billion dollars behind.

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WHAT'S HER plan? Apparently it's cut, cut, cut and then cut again. She didn't outright promise no higher taxes, but

came pretty close. "I don't want to raise taxes," she said, "and my legislative partners don't want to raise taxes."

Ms. Granholm tried to turn the fiscal challenge she faces into a positive opportunity.

Think of it this way, she suggested to the news folks. The state has about \$38 billion to provide services to its people, and \$38 billion will pay for plenty of good, sound, needed services and programs.

So instead of cutting budgets, think of "building a different model" -- a \$38 billion model. "Think in a creative way," she said.

"I think we can do that," she said. "We can do great things." But "creating a new model" is only another way to size down the old model.

Ms. Granholm pointed out that "This is the people's money." Yes it is. It also is the people's government, and the people are the customers for all the things government does.

How much service from their government do the people need or want? How

much are the customers willing to pay for these services?

Those are not simple questions.

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IT WAS A GOOD speech by the new governor, who also displayed a sprightly new style of gubernatorial speech making.

Most important, she seemed to have firm command of what she was talking about. Obviously she knew her facts and figures.

Many modern techniques important in modern communication methods also were obvious. She's up to date.

Governor Granholm roamed the stage with a microphone in hand, returning to the podium only occasionally to consult her notes. In questions from the floor, her attention was riveted on the questioner.

Charts and graphs comprised a "power point" presentation. She inserted a comical reference or two, and seemed completely at ease.

Her performance was filled with catch words and phrases now in vogue. About

100 legislators of both parties in the audience were never called that; they are "legislative partners."

The governor talked of her "cabinet members." There is no cabinet in state government as there is in Washington. She means heads of the various state departments.

To Ms. Granholm "structural problems" cause much budget difficulty. Taxpayers and users of state services are "stakeholders", and conferences always include "breakouts."

Private sessions with legislative leadership from both parties are "quadrant meetings." Working together becomes "collaborative." All in all, her stage manner is top notch, and very effective.

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FIRST AMENDMENT -- Governor Granholm struck a special chord with the Michigan Press Association on press freedom and access.

"My Dad told me never to do anything I wouldn't want to see on Page One of the New York Times," she said. That's sound advice.

She pointed out that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of the press not for the press but for the people. It's people freedom, not press freedom, Governor Granholm said.

A special MPA project this year to help the public recognize the importance of press freedom in America emphasizes that very point.

The First Amendment is designed to guarantee that people can know what's going on; the press is the conduit by which information gets to the people.

When efforts emerge to limit access by the press to courts, records or other governmental activities, the real victim is the public.

Newspapers serve as an agent of the people. Governor Granholm seems to know that fact...and so should more people.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Good things happened at animal shelter in 2002

To the editor,

The year 2002 has come and gone, and I'm not sure where it went. It seemed to fly by and was over before we knew it at the Animal Shelter. But, 2002 was a wonderful year for the animals who found their way there.

I know you have all heard me say this before, but things just keep getting better with the help of this community and all of the great volunteers we have. I thought you'd like an update about what's been happening and maybe some of last year's numbers.

Last January, a trailer was donated to us and we set out to turn it into a facility to house the many cats we receive. It became quite costly, but we received a \$2,000 donation (the donor wishes to remain anonymous) toward its completion and Grayling Township purchased seven beautiful cat cages for our use. It is nearly completed and it is beautiful.

The new cages are made of PVC and are light and easy to clean. The cats are not cramped together and they love it.

We replaced some old fencing, put a new roof on the shelter, and it got a new paint job. The east fence by the road com-

mission has been converted to 10' x 20' and 10' x 10' kennels, so fewer dogs have to be put on chains. We always seem to get a few that are determined to go over, under or through the fences. Two new storage were also purchased.

If you have not been to the shelter lately, we would love to have you come and see how great things look. I'm sure you'll like what you see.

In 2002, we took in a total of 359 dogs and puppies; 289 of them were strays. Only 36 of them were returned to their owners. The really good news is that 91% were placed in new homes, sent to Leader Dog school, or sent to rescue groups. We also took in 296 cats and kittens; 286 of them were strays. Sadly, only four were returned to their owners. We placed 86% of the cats and kittens in new homes or with rescue groups.

These are impressive numbers by any standard and when you consider that nearly all of them were strays, the numbers become even more impressive.

Not all of these animals were the cream of the crop when they came to us. Trying to place animals as opposed to euthanizing a large part of them is very cost-

ly, however. It takes a lot of time and effort to care for all of them and the food bills are high. Our utility bills have skyrocketed with the addition of the new cat area and our need for people to volunteer their time has increased.

I have always told you that this is a great community and it is only through your donations of time, money, supplies and other things that changes continue to be made possible at the Animal Shelter. I hope you are all as proud as I am of our accomplishments.

We need more people to spay and neuter their animals; unwanted puppies and kittens are still a problem. I would also love to see the day when people made responsible decisions about getting a new pet, when owners actually looked for their lost animals, and a day when people no longer felt it was okay to leave their animals along the roadside, in the woods, or shoved in a box at the shelter gates. Only you can make that day come.

Dixie Lobsinger
Vice President
Animal Shelter
of Crawford County
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

Michael LaFaive, Director of Fiscal Policy, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

State could save \$34 million with land sale

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy, as part of a forthcoming study recommending more than \$1 billion in budget savings, has found \$34 million worth of state agriculture department programs Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the new Legislature can start on as they search for ways to balance Michigan's over-stretched state budget.

In addition, the Center is recommending to lawmakers that the state fairgrounds in Escanaba and Detroit be sold for another \$59 million in one-time revenue.

Gov. Granholm is to be congratulated for setting a budget-cutting tone for her new administration. The fiscal pressure exerted by the current \$1.6 billion budget deficit gives lawmakers a chance to re-evaluate programs that are unnecessary or counter-productive, or which distort market mechanisms and incentives and would be better handled by the private sector.

Indeed, as Granholm herself recently told The Detroit News, "Any organization has things within it that are wants and not needs, and all of that needs to be reviewed." And as state Sen. James Barcia (D-Bay City) recently told the Michigan Information and Research Service, "Every government, from local to state to federal, has areas that can be trimmed without impacting the quality of life for your constituents."

Among the Mackinac Center's recommendations to Gov. Granholm and the new Legislature:

• Eliminate the Statistical

Reporting Service (SRS), a program of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), which maintains an agricultural database under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Most non-agricultural industries provide market information without government assistance. There is no reason to expect any less from the agriculture industry. Savings: \$435,100.

• End state funding and oversight of equine drug testing. Many sports monitor (drug use) without the benefit of state intrusion. Savings: \$509,000.

• End state funding and oversight of seed quality for farmers and seed dealers. If the industry believes it needs a central source of analysis to check the quality of seeds, it should use one of the many existing private agricultural associations -- or create a new one -- to do so. Savings: \$500,000.

• End Michigan's participation in the USDA's pesticide data program, which is a federal program administered by state governments. Michigan is one of nine states participating in the program voluntarily. This is another example in which the government provides market data other industries provide for itself. Savings: \$1,824,000.

• Eliminate the Agricultural Development Office (ADO). As one example of the Office's work, a grant agreement with the Midwest Nut Producers Council to "develop, test and devise a marketing strategy for... a chestnut puree and chestnut crumble." Private industry has its own

incentives for adding value to agricultural products. Savings: \$742,400.

• Eliminate the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council, which publishes color brochures and buys products, such as strawberries and asparagus, and distributes them gratis on Saturdays to travelers who stop at the New Buffalo Welcome Center. Savings: \$60,400.

• Get the State of Michigan out of the state fair business completely and sell both the Detroit and Escanaba state fairgrounds. As examples of what can be done instead: Seven Michigan counties and another 80 communities and associations run their own fairs. Barry County's Bill Ackerman, has run a private, for-profit fair for 24 years. Savings from not running fairs: \$6,324,600. One-time savings from sale of state fairgrounds: \$59 million.

The forthcoming study analyzing Michigan entire budget will offer more than 125 budget-cutting ideas for lawmakers searching for sources of savings. Throughout the budget-balancing process, Michigan legislators will need to make some hard choices about which programs and functions deserve state funding and which are best scaled back or eliminated altogether.

The Mackinac Center's budget analysis is aimed at making that process somewhat easier for lawmakers.

All \$34 million worth of recommended agriculture department savings may be viewed at www.mackinac.org/4984.

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

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The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Empty Bowls Benefit this Thursday

The Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold its 4th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit soup supper, to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, on Thursday, February 6, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the school located at 6470 Manistee in Frederic. Menu includes chili, soup, stew, hot dogs, chili dogs, breads, desserts and beverages. Buy a ceramic bowl, handmade and donated with pride by a Frederic student, for \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages six to 12 years (up to a maximum of \$15 per family) and enjoy the meal. Children age five and under eat free, but do not receive a bowl. All proceeds will go to the Help Center. "Let there be no empty bowls." For more information, call Renee Moery at 348-4470.

ABWA sponsors Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will host "Ladies Night Out" on Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. For a \$10 fee, ladies are invited to participate in cross country or downhill skiing. Fifteen-minute back massages by Kaye Thomas-Hogan will be offered, as well as hand waxing by A Cut Above. There will be a door prize and 50/50 raffle, and a meal including chili. This is an opportunity for women to pamper themselves and enjoy a night out with friends. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Grayling Township Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Women's heart screenings offered

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey will offer heart screenings to women over the age of 35 on Thursday, February 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The screening, to be held in the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, at 360 Connable Avenue (across from the hospital entrance), includes necessary tests to identify women at risk for heart disease and health professionals will be on hand to answer heart related questions. Screening fee is \$10, with free screening vouchers available for those who qualify. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (231) 487-4416.

KCC offers Valentine dinner theater

Kirtland Community College Theatre Arts Department and the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake will present a dinner theater production of "Love Letters," February 14 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. and February 16 at 12 noon in the Northern Lights Lounge. "Love Letters" is about a man and a woman who exchange love letters from the time they are second graders, until they grow old. Special Valentine packages are available: Dinner and show are \$25 per person February 14 and 15, or purchase dinner for two, the show and a standard room for \$109.95. Tickets for the February 16 luncheon performance are \$19.95 per person. For tickets, call (989) 422-5175 or stop in at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake, located at 9285 West Lake City Road.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary #106 will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Transplant support group to meet

The Organ & Tissue Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan meeting will be held Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the boardroom at Orsego Memorial Hospital, 825 North Center (US-27 North) in Gaylord. This meeting is for anyone interested in organ and tissue donation, those who have received or are waiting to receive an organ transplant, and organ donor families. For more information, call Bev at (989) 983-4188.

Band Boosters to address By-Laws

This month's Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be addressing revisions to the current By-Laws. All band parents are invited to attend on Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. If an advance copy of the By-Laws is needed, pick one up from Janet Gaffke at the school office.

Tickets now on sale for 'Charlie Brown'

► Production to help finance local singers' June trip to Vermont

The Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," will be presented at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Grayling, February 13-15.

The production is being presented by the Michelson Singers, a 10-voice vocal ensemble sponsored by the church.

Proceeds from the production will be used to help defray travel expenses for the group when it travels to Vermont in June, where they will perform at the von Trapp Mansion and the Stowe Community Church.

Certain time each evening is at 7 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per person. Tickets may also be purchased in advance from any group member or from the church office, located at 400 Michigan Avenue.

The Michelson Singers are also available for performances throughout northern Michigan. Their repertoire includes music of both sacred and secular nature. The group performs a good deal of gospel, however they also perform some of the more serious sacred music.

Highlighting of any perfor-

GHS begins registration process for 2003-2004

The registration process for selecting courses for the 2003-2004 school year at Grayling High School began Wednesday, February 5.

Current high school students will receive their registration materials, and meetings have been held regarding special programs, such as the vocational offerings through C.O.O.R., and the Advanced Placement classes. All course request forms are due back to the counselors by February 20.

School staff will be assisting students by making recommendations regarding the most appropriate individual course selections.

Eighth grade students will be meeting with high school counselors and receiving their regis-

tration materials on Tuesday, February 18.

They will then be visiting the high school on Thursday, February 20, to meet with student senate members and to tour the facilities.

A parent information meeting will be held that same evening at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Counselors will return to the middle school to answer students' questions on February 21.

Registration materials should then be turned in to the office of GMS counselor Joni Metiva by February 28.

Parents are encouraged to contact Metiva at 344-3560 or GHS counselors Kathy Frederick and Lynn Thompson, at 344-3512, if they have any questions.

Scholarship money available through 'ethics' essay contest

The Briney Ethical Fund, established in 1999, is providing a scholarship in the amount of \$100 to the Grayling High School student whose essay on "Ethical Considerations in Politics and Government" is selected by The Briney Ethical Trustees, comprised of nine Grayling residents.

The essay contest is open to all Grayling High School students. The student whose essay is selected will receive a gift of \$100 to help defray the cost of college application fees.

The Briney Fund, invested with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, is dedicated to spending up to 50% of the earned income every other year, in the non-election years, beginning in 2003, to promote ethics in politics and government through a variety of public information and education programs.

As The Briney Fund grows through gifts and investments, similar opportunities will be established with Interlochen Arts Academy, St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, and Santa Fe, NM, and Olivet College in Michigan.

Other projects include establishing an archive to house the essays, inviting prominent public figures to address challenges they have faced in public life and creating forums to educate and inform citizens of the significance of ethical considerations in government and politics.

For information about The Briney Ethical Fund, interested parties may look up the web site at: www.the-bet.org or contact one of the trustees.

Brochures, listing the names and biographies of the trustees are available through Grayling resident Ron Joyce. For essay contest guidelines, students may contact Lynn Thompson at

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The Bible Speaks

Reagan's Forfeiture for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's sacrifice for freedom to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan paid a high personal price in suffering and loss because of his godly stand.

The first thing threatened by Reagan's stand was his personal reputation. Communists and liberals heaped constant attacks upon his character trying to discredit him. In Hollywood, he was branded a "fraud" who was talking "out of both sides of his mouth. They branded him a stooge, opportunist, and Fascist. The liberal media and his political opponents would develop and expand this theme. He was painted as "a man who spouts patriotic pieties and is ignorant of the world around him." Schweizer quoted historian Edmund Morris in his 874 page biography of Reagan as concluding, "Reagan is simply incomprehensible, an airhead who has lived a charmed life." Schweizer went on to say, "Diplomat Clark Clifford has called him an 'amiable dunce,' and Nicholas van Hoffman said it was 'humiliating to think of this unlettered, self-assured bumpkin being our president.' Tip O'Neill stated publicly, 'He knows less than any president I've ever known.' One scholar slurred his labors as 'the no hands presidency.' He was accused of being 'half-asleep,' and only having a 'seven-minute attention span.' To lib-

erals, the only person dumber than all the conservative Christian politicians is the most recent one elected. And the only people considered dumber are the uneducated masses that elect them.

The second thing threatened by Reagan's stand for God against communism was his family. His first wife Jane Wyman sued him for divorce because she claimed his whole life was taken up with the battle. She was apparently wooed and separated from her husband by a communist sympathizer. Reagan's youngest daughter, Patti Davis supported the nuclear-freeze and lobbied her father for the cause. Reagan feared he would lose his daughter like he lost his first wife. Reagan said after a meeting with activist Helen Caldicott and his daughter, "She seems like a nice, caring person, but she is all steamed up and knows an awful lot of things that aren't true. I tried but couldn't get through her fixation. For that matter I couldn't get through to Patti. I'm afraid our daughter has been taken over by that whole gang." Patti feared her father's refusal to embrace the nuclear freeze might lead to a nuclear holocaust. She said, "I shared Caldicott's fear about what the remaining years of my father's administration would bring." She later said, "I felt like I'd let down an entire movement." She apparently didn't realize she was letting down her own father and her entire nation instead.

Ronald Reagan knew that God, truth, and freedom are worth risking your personal welfare and reputation, and even your family and friends to defend. These were the very same risks our forefathers took when founding this great nation. Our nation rests upon faith in God's Holy Scriptures, The Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution. These documents of freedom are still worth fighting and dying for. As the apostle Paul said in Phil. 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Travelogue to visit amazing India

The title, "India - Beyond Imagining" tells it all. Much of what people see and hear in this upcoming Travel and Adventure Series offering will be beyond anything they've ever imagined.

Brought to Grayling through Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday,

February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens.

The film includes familiar scenes and also extraordinary footage and commentary that will introduce the viewer to an India they never imagined, a truly mysterious realm.

The biggest surprise is diversity of many kinds -- language, ethnicity, religion, caste, wealth, and the land itself. Visit the Nagarjunasagar Dam, built entirely by hand with no foreign help. Visit rural India, colorful



Bullock carts travel through the puddled streets of South India during the summer monsoon season. Learn more about India and its people by attending the presentation of travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" on February 13.

and interesting bazaars, and see how ancient India and the ultra-modern India co-exist.

The travelogue is not without scenes of beauty: sunrises, the sea, jungles, mountains, temples, people and animals are all highlighted. India also has many traditional events and celebrations, many seldom seen by foreigners are featured in "India - Beyond Imagining."

The viewer will also be guided through the politics of India,

which embraces quotas and affirmative action. Archival footage of 1960s Peace Corps activities is sure to bring back memories for some viewers and the spiritual side of India will touch many.

Doors open on February 13 at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information, call 348-7146. The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling,

The Most Special Valentine Gift

Do you have a special "valentine" this year? Perhaps you have had the same Valentine for a lifetime...or for only a short while. Yet, as Valentine's Day approaches there are the same questions. Will my valentine remember what day it is? Should I leave a little hint? Maybe the dilemma is, "I need a special gift for my sweetheart. What will it be?"

This year can be different. Material gifts are fine, of course, but the greatest gift you can give that special love in your life...that treasured relationship...is not one you can buy. It is priceless.

That gift is the one you give away when you give your heart to God this Valentine's Day. In Hosea 2:19-20, the Lord said, "And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord." Knowing the Lord as a couple is the greatest gift you can give yourselves to ensure the closeness you crave and to strengthen your bond when the world threatens to separate you.

Won't you worship together this week? If you don't yet have that special person in your life, that's all right, too. God has a plan for each of us that belong to Him.

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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm
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Family Mass.....10:00 am
Scripture Study
(Sundays).....9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
M-72 West
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Sunday Holy
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Church
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Morning Worship.....10:30 am
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Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
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Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
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Victor Edwards (right) called the bidding at the Crawford County United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction, held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. About 150 people braved snowy driving conditions on January 25 to attend the annual event, which raised over \$9,000 for the local United Way, bringing the organization up to 68% of its \$60,000 goal. Several businesses, organizations, and individuals donated items for sale at the auction, making C.A.R.E. Night a true community event.

New novel addresses post traumatic stress

► Retired KCC instructor writes romantic novel about recovery

Roscommon resident, Ida Mae Ireland, has published her first book, *From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale*.

Ireland describes the book as a romantic novel of the west, revolving around the theme that life restores after tragedy -- "this theme which touches every reader's experience, either directly or vicariously," she said.

The book's heroine, Casey Garrett, suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and gradually succumbs to the horrors of a seemingly forgotten trauma. Her spine-tingling story showcases the healing power of family love.

From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale unfolds in pristine Montana wilderness during elk season. Garrett, world-renowned guide, experiences puzzling flashbacks and frightening nightmares while she contends with a rogue hunter.



and survives an employee's treachery, a grizzly attack and a fierce mountain blizzard. Garrett's loving family, both in this life and beyond it, nourishes her ability to expunge stress disorder demons.

Wilderness adventures and the heroine's unique story set *From Ashes* apart from other western novels. Multi-level plot development captures readers' imagina-

tions through human encounters and wilderness descriptions and scenes. Ireland said readers gain insight into the mysterious horrors of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the inexorable progress of the illness. Most importantly, she said, readers will applaud Garrett's recovery through the power of family love, abetted by professional assistance.

Ireland was born in Michigan, but called Colorado home for about 25 years. She holds a Master's Degree in English from the University of Denver.

Now in her 60s, she is back home and retired after teaching classes for three semesters at the Kirtland Community College's Writing Lab. She also taught basic writing courses for college students and developed a writing manual for company employees in her 50s.

She is a member of the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers and Women Writing the West organizations in Colorado. She also attends writers conferences in Michigan, Montana and Colorado. She is a new member

of the Order of the Eastern Star in Roscommon.

For more information about the book, to read excerpts from the author, or to find out how to order an autographed copy of *From Ashes - A Deep Canyon Tale*, or log on to Ireland's web site at: www.askidamae.com.

Fairy tales can come true...

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(www.glassslipperproject.org) in Chicago, Illinois, which has out-fitted, in 2002 alone, more than 1,000 young ladies to be the "belle of the ball" at their high school prom. The project, run by volunteers, accepts donations of new or almost-new formal dresses and accessories, and then provides them free of charge to girls unable to purchase their own prom gown.

"The Glass Slipper Project is an excellent idea," said Niederer. "I have e-mailed every girl in my address book to let them know there is a good place for the gowns they probably won't ever wear again."

Niederer has prepared a box containing five formal dresses, accessories, costume jewelry, shoes and purses to donate to the Glass Slipper Project. "I don't know of any organization that does this sort of thing around here, so I am going to hopefully make a dream come true for some girls in Chicago," she said.

Niederer's mother, Patti Coe, estimates shipping the box will only cost about \$10, so she hopes many other young ladies and women in Crawford County will clean out their closets and donate to the Glass Slipper Project. Coe said she is willing to pay the

postage for anyone who would like to send a gown or two to the project, but can't afford the cost. If enough people respond locally, Coe said she is willing to have her home serve as a "collection site." Coe can be reached most evenings at 348-8653.

The Glass Slipper Project "accepts dresses appropriate for a high school student to wear to her prom. Dresses must be in current style and excellent (new or almost new) condition." Dresses should be dry cleaned and on hangers, if possible. Unopened cosmetics and new hosiery are also acceptable donations, along with clean shoes, purses, jewelry and accessories, in excellent condition. Dresses size 16 and larger are in great demand.

Monetary donations are also welcome to help cover the costs of renting spaces and furniture for the project's "giveaway boutiques" where every recipient is assigned a "fairy godmother" to help her find the perfect dress.

The Glass Slipper Project is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. For more information about the project, visit the web site listed above or call (312) 409-4139.

Niederer said she had fun during her high school years networking with other local girls to

get the most out of their formal wear purchases, and is now excited about doing this good deed for girls she has never met. "It's nice to know I can help some girls in Chicago feel like Cinderella, especially a high school senior wishing to go to her Senior Prom."

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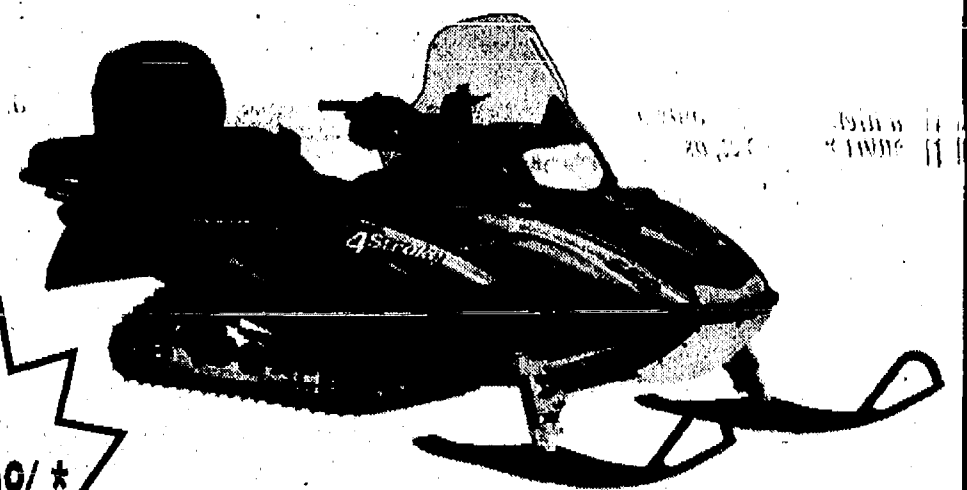
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Below: Troop #993 Polar Bear Equipment from Camp Grayling. L to R: Gage Thomason, Andrew Kane, Mike Kane, Kyle Halstead.



Above: Troop #3993 First Year Webelos. Leaders Joni & Mike Duncel, Brian Aimesbury and Kim Halstead, Matt Duncel, Josh Aimesbury, Max Murray, Kevin Halstead, Brent Steffey, Corey Kiessel, & Scott Wejrowski.



Troop #993 Sledding. L to R: Jon Kane, Gage Thomason, Kyle Halstead



Troop #995 Viking Patrol, Fire Building at the AuSable District Winter Klondike. L to R: Jacob Reynolds, Richard Haight, Chris Bonnington, Tom Pilon, Alex Millar, Matthew Haight.



Troop #3993 First Year Webelos. L to R: Matt Duncel, Kevin Halstead, Brian Aimesbury, Corey Kiesel, Amanda Murray, Max Murray, Scott Wejrowski, Brent Steffey, Kyle Halstead, Josh Aimesbury.



Troop #979 Back L to R: Nick Grougan, Nick Steffey, Scott Grougan ASM, Bob Lane ASM, Jeff Steffey ASM, Loren Goodale SM, Henry Lane; Front L to R: Wesley Lane, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Tyler Steffey, Derek Smith, Aaron Stephan, AS Baker, Ethan Tilson. Not shown: Adam Hoppe, Alex Kootner

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Fitness center under new ownership

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

When Tracy and Ken Randall, of Mt. Clemens, purchased the Grayling Curves, formerly known as Curves for Women, in December, it became the 12th one they own in the lower peninsula. Ken opened Michigan's first Curves store in May 1998. There are now 350 in the state.

The grand re-opening was held January 20 and offers extended hours and a diet plan. Members can get a travel pass from this center and use it when visiting elsewhere.

Employees, Lisa Schiesler, Michelle Pavey and Deanna Miller, have all undergone extensive training to show people how to use the machines properly and do the workouts.

A workout takes 30 minutes and at least three workouts each week are recommended. In fact, members who don't show up for a while are contacted to find out if everything is ok.

The age range for local members is 11 - 80. For more information, call 348-1055.

Card of Thanks

Grayling Recreation Authority wishes to thank the Grayling Youth Booster Club and the Crawford AuSable School District for partnering with us at Hanson Hills to provide the third and fourth grade free ski program. This program has 114 students registered this year to learn a valuable life skill.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
Week ending February 2 - \$25 each: George Wolfe, Paul Thomson, Ted Stephan (2).

Local road worker retires after 42 years



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Road Commission

Road Commission Board Chairman Ken Riehle (left), accompanied by Commissioner Jim Burch (right), presents a plaque to Jerry Pratt (center) commemorating his 42 years of service to the citizens of Crawford County at a retirement ceremony held at the Road Commission garage on January 17. Pratt recently retired from the Crawford County Road Commission. He originally started at the Road Commission on August 16, 1960. "Jerry's presence will be greatly missed. The commissioners, staff and crew of the Road Commission wish him well in his retirement," said Don Babcock, Road Commission Managing Director.

Card of Thanks

Grayling Recreation Authority wishes to thank Charlotte Mosel at the Bloomington Grape and Tony Thomson for their generosity in fundraising on behalf of GRA and Hanson Hills. Both parties volunteered to help a situation that they see as important to our community and definitely needy and worthy of their effort. It is wonderful people like Charlotte and Tony will help Hanson Hills and Grayling Recreation Authority remain the treasure that it is for our community for years to come.

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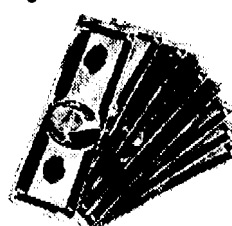
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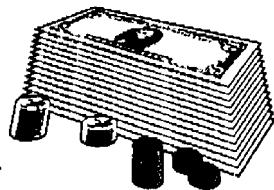
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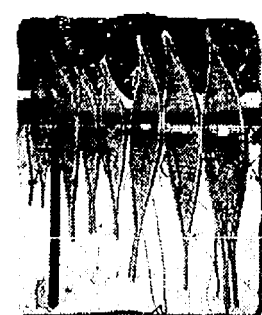
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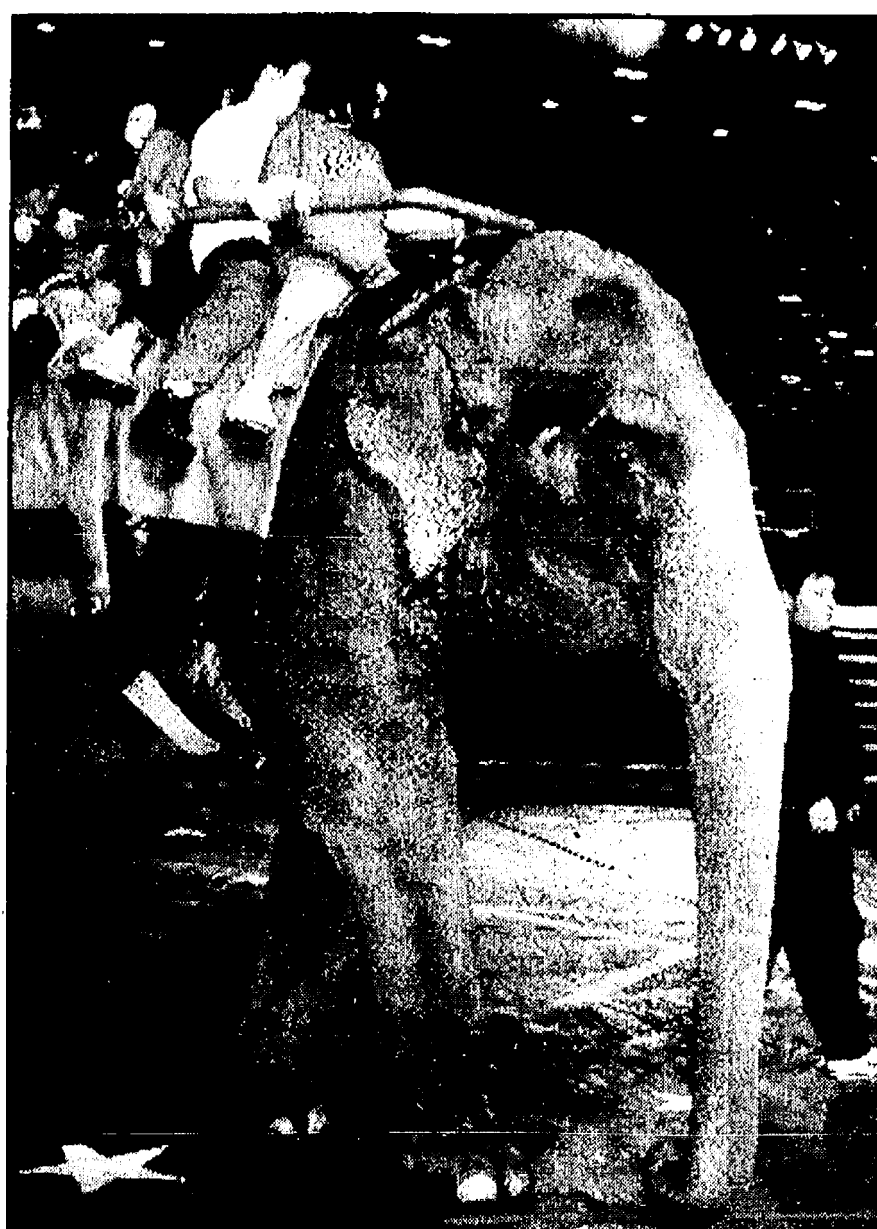


Photo courtesy of the Shrine Circus Club of Grayling

The Shrine Circus Club of Grayling loaded up two Crawford AuSable school buses with 90 fifth graders from Grayling and Frederic Elementary Schools on January 25 for a trip to the 2003 Shrine Circus in Saginaw. The Club invites all fifth graders to be their guests for an outing to the circus each year. Local merchants and Shriners provide the tickets and lunch for the event; and the school district provides the bus drivers and busses, therefore there is no cost to the students and their parents and allows any fifth grader who wishes to attend. Some students may be lucky enough to hitch a ride on an elephant while at the circus.

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LIBRARY NEWS

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Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

Wednesdays, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Devereaux Library, bring your pages and join the Paper Dolls for scrapbooking work and sharing. This is an informal group where anyone can work on their projects and share their equipment.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Devereaux Library, stop by for Story Hour with Rae Ann. Enjoy stories, film strips, songs, plays, and games. Targeted for ages 3-5, but all are welcome.

The library has received a copy of *Kaleidoscope* magazine containing an article by Grayling resident, Cathy Lester, mentioned in the January 30 issue of the *Avalanche*. The article is an interview with British actor, Nabil Shaban. Though confined to a wheelchair, Shaban is the co-founder of Graeae, the world's first professional disabled theater company. His television documentary, "The Skin Horse,"

which dealt with love, sex and disabilities, was the winner of an Emmy and a Peabody Award.

On Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m., join the Grayling Computer Club for their monthly meeting. New members welcome.

On Tuesday, February 11 at 1 p.m., watch the Library Board in action and share your comments. The public is welcome.

On Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m., The Gideons gather to plan and support Bible distribution in the county.

On Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m., join the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited at their monthly meeting. New members welcome.

On Monday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m., join the Friends of Crawford County Library at their monthly meeting. New members welcome and very much encouraged to attend. Join at the library any time. Following the meeting will be a work day to inventory all the furniture and equipment in the library.

On Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Jason Elk will discuss "How to Cope with Arthritis" with all those interested. Drop in to hear what he has to say on the subject and ask any questions you may have.

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More than 1,300 students were placed on the fall 2002 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, vice provost and dean for student affairs, reports that 260 students (indicated by asterisks) earned "straight A" averages of 4.0, with 904 attaining GPAs from 3.50 to 3.99. The following students from our area were honored: Erica L. Crudo, of Waters, a senior studying Biological Sciences; Megan E. Donaldson*, of Roscommon, a senior studying Chemical Engineering; David A. Huffman, of Roscommon, a senior studying Electrical Engineering; Scott A. Latusek, of Frederic, a freshman, studying Chemical Engineering; Michael P. Latusek, of Frederic, a Senior studying Chemical Engineering; and Jesse M. Mowrer, of Grayling, a senior, studying Civil Engineering.

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Realty offices changes hands

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Brokers Kevin and Laurie Jamison have become the new owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty. The Jamisons purchased the realty from Jim Van Der Laan in May 2002. Laurie had been serving as office manager for four years.

Laurie had just returned from maternity leave, when Van Der Laan asked if she and her husband were interested in buying the business. Since they wanted to own their own business and planned to raise their family here, they decided to take the plunge.

With the purchase, the Jamisons became the new owners of four franchises: They sold one, and kept the ones in Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake.

Laurie said there were very few changes when they took over the business because she had



Photo by Susan Warrington

Brokers Laurie Jamison (pictured) and her husband Kevin Jamison (not shown), are the new owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty.

essentially been running the business for the previous four years.

In the past year, Laurie said,

the business has grown 15 percent in spite of the sluggish economy. "People still need homes," Laurie said.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 53 complaints during the two week period from January 20 through February 2:

Nine traffic accidents, one private property accident, one civil infraction, one traffic control, seven larceny, six civil law violations, four juvenile, three alarm response, two traffic assists, four disorderly persons, three suspicious situation, three drunk driving, four disturbing the peace, one property damage, five assists to other departments, two domestic disputes, 19 city ordinance, 31 unclassified, and ten traffic warnings.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of January 27-February 2:

Fifteen traffic accidents, 11 non-traffic accidents, one parking violations, three accidents - all other, one school bus inspection, one civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, 14 general non-criminal, five delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, four larceny, one larceny - parts & accessories, two damage to property, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, one family offense/abuse/neglect, one liquor law violation, two resisting officer, six public peace/disorderly, three health and safety, two driving violations/DWLS, etc., two driving on revoked/

suspended/refused.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

Skip and I would like to express our gratitude to the community of Grayling and those who have chosen us to receive the honor of being Citizens of the Year. As life long residents to the Grayling area we have strong ties and feelings for this community. We truly believe this is a wonderful place to reside and raise a family. There are many trade offs in life but it is worth them to live in such a great community. Thank you for your thoughts and help in making this a better place to live.

Skip and Gail Madsen

Tobacco settlement, other grants available

North Central Michigan Community Foundation and the Crawford County Youth Advisory Council are accepting common grant, Tobacco Settlement grant, and Youth Advisory Council grant applications.

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2003.

Non-profit agencies and organizations in Crawford County are invited to apply. For more information, or to obtain a grant application, contact Dawn Hoggard toll-free at 1-877-354-6881 or e-mail hoggard@alpena.cc.mi.us.

HONORS

Northwood University

Veronica J. Scheer, a Northwood University junior from Grayling, was granted the Don Foss/NIADA Annual Scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year. She is the daughter of Brad Scheer, also of Grayling.

The Don Foss/NIADA scholarship was established in 1999 by the Don Foss Family Foundation. Multiple scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in Automotive Marketing at any one of the three Northwood University campuses.

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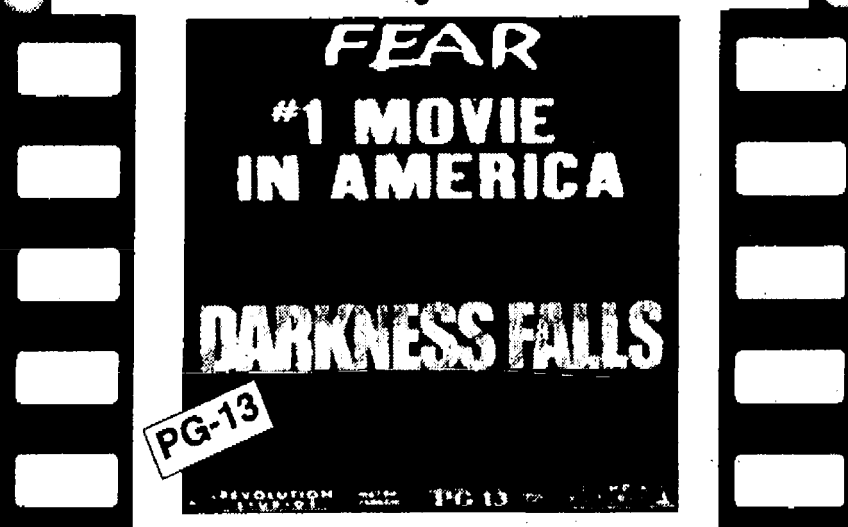
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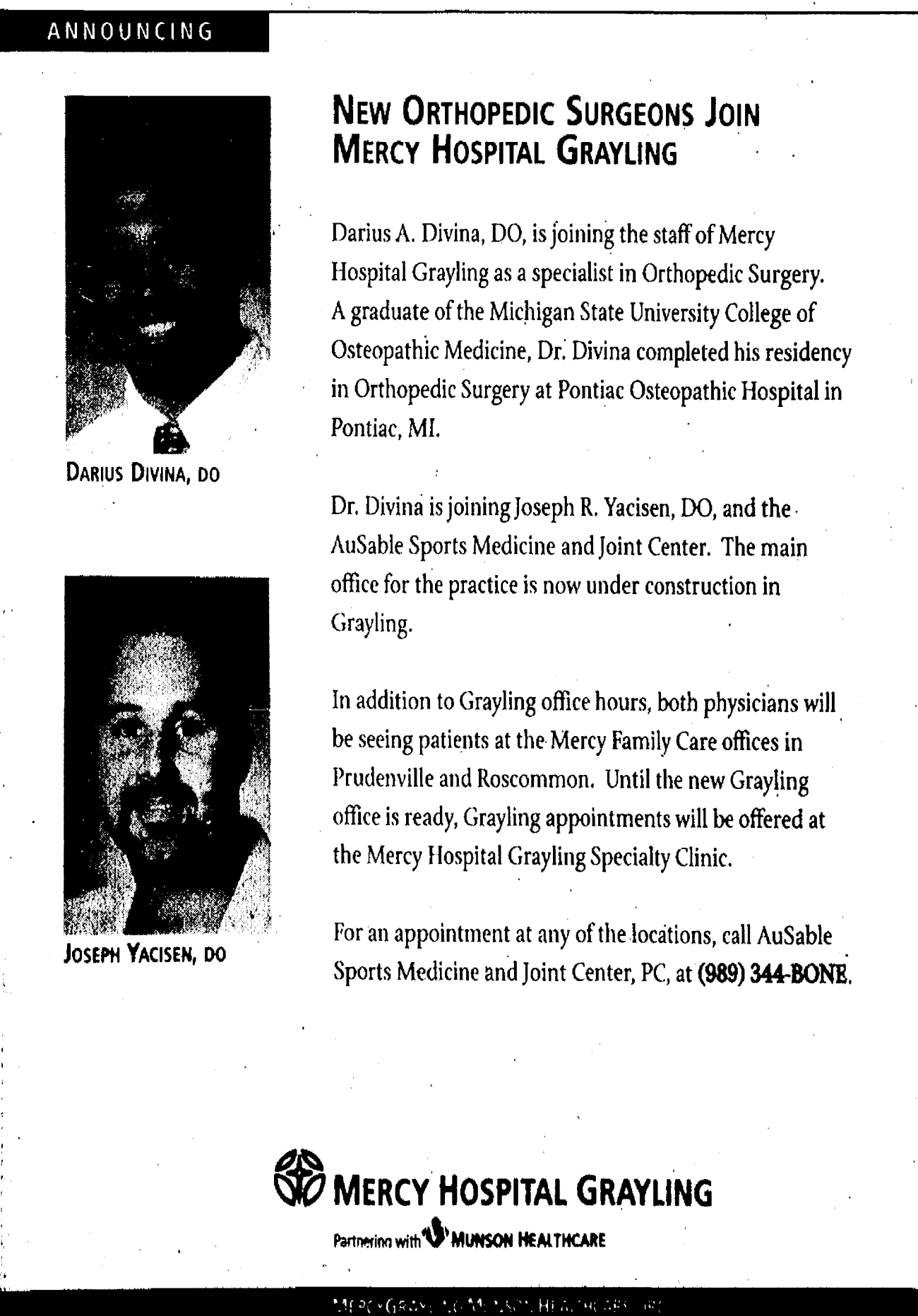


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Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

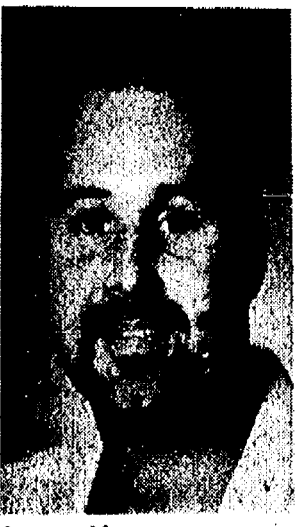
In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

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THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third grade class has been studying the three main Native American Indian tribes of Michigan: the Potawatomis, Ottawas and Chippewas, also known as "The Three Fires." To finish off the study, the students had to choose two tribes to compare against each other, write a three-paragraph report, and then make a diorama.

Mrs. Pam Alexander and Mrs. Cheryl Hatfield's first grade classes had another visit with the residents of Mercy Manor. On this trip, they played Bingo and received prizes.

To tie into the second grade science curriculum, Nate and Jennifer Herden from Midland brought their live animal show, "Oasis," in for the children to see and learn from the different kinds of animals and their habitats.

Together, the Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools recently hosted "Reading Night." About 120 parents, along with more than 130 children attended the event. The theme for the evening was "Chinese New Year."

It all started with a Chinese dinner, followed by building principals Mrs. Barbara Mick and Mrs. Angela Kocab's introduction of the 2003 English Language Arts MEAP format. They emphasized how the complexity of the test requires students to bring together all of the skills of reading and writing they have learned throughout the grades.

While parents received the MEAP information, the children were playing fun reading games. Families reunited and got a glimpse of what the skill of retelling (a comprehension strategy) looks like at their own child's grade level. Each child left with a new reading book to take home. Feedback from the evening was very positive, with many requests of conducting a similar event with math. A "Math Night" is being planned for February.

With the help of the Box Tops for Education fund, students from both schools enjoyed a Sports Science assembly recently. Jeff Kocab, of Dynamic School Assemblies, talked about physical science and the three main principals of Newton's Laws of Physics. Kocab used sports to demonstrate how gravity, inertia, and action/reaction work. For example, to explain inertia, Kocab put on a pair of roller blades emphasizing "if you push it, it keeps moving."

The Acting Up Theatre Company worked with the second and multi-age classes where each class based their play on

"The Six Pillars of Character." Classes chosen "off to topics" such as "Respect," "Citizenship," "Trustworthy," and "Fairness."

The students worked all week on choosing the topic, writing the play, and rehearsing. The final performance was on Friday. It was a wonderful learning experience; it gave the students an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Two thumbs up!

***A quick reminder: Children are required to go outside for recess. They need to be properly dressed for the weather. Please remember hats, gloves, snow pants, jackets, and boots. Also, please make sure children's belongings are clearly labeled with their names. There are a lot of "black snow pants" with unclaimed owners.

MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. 1st Class Paul W. McNamar of Grayling, a member of Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Col. Dennis Hull, Camp Commander.

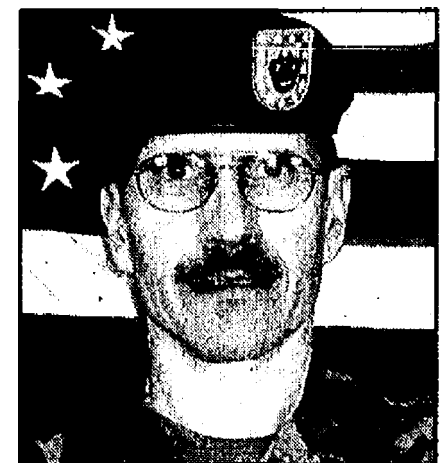
McNamar was recognized for meritorious achievement while assigned as senior Non-Commissioned Officer for the Camp Grayling Ammunition Supply Point.

He has been a key asset to the Ammunition Supply Point providing leadership and expertise. His achievements reflect great

upon himself, the Ammunition Supply Point section, Camp Grayling, the Maneuver training Center and the Michigan Army National Guard.

McNamar has been a member of Maneuver Training Center since July 1983. He is a full time employee at Camp Grayling.

He is assigned as a Material Handler at the Ammunition Supply Point.



SFC Paul W. McNamar

ATTENTION RECYCLERS

The Grayling Township Recycling Center on North Down River Road has changed the way it takes many recyclable items according to the following list:

Yes - Newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, TV Guides, Reader's Digest, computer paper, office paper, coupons, junk mail; envelopes (all may be packaged together).

No - Carbon paper

Yes - Cardboard, pizza boxes, paperboard, cereal boxes (all may be packaged together, but must be empty of insert material).

Yes - Clear glass (labels need not be removed, but jars must be rinsed).

No - Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses, pyrex, light bulbs or colored glass.

Yes - Plastic #1 (clear) & #2 (colored) jugs including beverage, detergent, bleach, etc. (Please rinse and discard caps).

No - Hazardous material jugs including oil, gas, poisons, etc.

Yes - Milk jugs (Please rinse and discard caps).

Yes - Tin cans (Please rinse, but labels need not be removed).

No - Aerosol and hazardous material cans.

Yes - Styrofoam including packing material, meat trays, etc.

Yes - Aluminum foil and foil pans (Please rinse).

Yes - Aluminum cans

The Grayling Township Recycling Center is open to the public

Tuesday ~ 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday ~ 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Marguerite "Marge" Oliver

Sept. 29, 1911 - Jan. 27, 2003
Marguerite "Marge" Oliver, age 91, of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital on January 27. She was born on September 29, 1911 in Bay City.

The former Marguerite C. Roth was married to Verne C. Oliver, who preceded her in death on January 3, 1978.

Mrs. Oliver was a homemaker who lived in Grayling most of her life. She was a member of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, and a faithful member at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling. She was active in "Quilting for Missions", and enjoyed working with and being with her church family.

Mrs. Oliver loved to fly fish and also ice fish, when her health permitted her to do so. She enjoyed living in her log cabin house on the Manistee River. She loved the company of her friends and neighbors, and a good "pizza."

Marge was a volunteer at Mercy Hospital for 40 years, doing many tasks. People will remember her for working the front desk at the hospital. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross for over 25 years, and delivered "Meals on Wheels." Marge helped many people by running them to their appointments and helping with errands.

She is survived by one brother, Conrad (Maureen) Roth of Bay City; one niece, RoseAnn (Gary) Jacques of Saginaw; one nephew, Conrad (Jody) Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; one great nephew, Gary Lee (Lynn) Jacques of Hemlock; two great nieces, Lee Ann (Greg) Chandler of Kalamazoo and Jennifer (Michael) Miller of Battle Creek; one great grandniece, Kym Robin Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; one great grand-nephew, Joey Roth of Fort Lauderdale, FL; great great grandnephew, Alex Miller of Battle Creek; great great grandnieces, Katlin Miller of Battle Creek, and Laura and Carrie Jacques of New Hampshire.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 30 at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Reverend Steven Thiel officiated with burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

HONORS

Spring Arbor University

Spring Arbor University announced that Kelly Kiefer of Grayling was named to the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, students must hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Northwood University

Northwood University announced that Veronica J. Scheer of Grayling was named to the Dean's List for the fall term.

Adrian College

Adrian College Theatre department will present *The Trojan* written by Euripides. Colby G. Davis, of Grayling, will portray a Trojan woman. Colby is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis and is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School.

Betty L. Kunkel

Feb. 18, 1927 - Jan. 28, 2003

Betty L. Kunkel, age 75, of Grayling, died Tuesday, January 28 at Bortz Health Care of Rose City. She was the last of nine children born on February 18, 1927 in Detroit to James and Harriet (Lane) Spaulding.

Betty was married to Doyle W. Kunkel on June 21, 1958 in Hazel Park. He preceded her in death on January 4, 2001.

Mrs. Kunkel was the former owner and operator of Aunt Betty's Restaurant in Grayling, and a member of the V.F.W. and Eagles Club. Her hobbies were cooking and playing cards.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Linda Templeton of Prescott and three grandchildren, Christopher, Melinda and Andrew Templeton.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 7 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Oakview Cemetery Chapel in Royal Oak. Burial will be at Oakview Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Faye Marie Ward

February 2, 2003

Faye Marie Ward, age 82, of Walled Lake, died Sunday, February 2.

Faye was married to Frederick T. Ward on October 2, 1938 in Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Ward.

Surviving Faye is her husband Frederick; her children Terry (Linda) Ward, Robin Ward, Rick Ward, Vicki Moon, Faye (William) Holden, Jaye Ward and Tom Green; her 13 grandchildren and her 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, February 5 at 11 a.m. at the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Road, White Lake.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Mike L. Stein, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Stein is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the

Wolcott, D'Amour to wed



Michael Alan D'Amour and Arica Kathleen Wolcott

Jeff and Tanya Wolcott, of Grayling, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Arica Kathleen, to Michael Alan D'Amour, son of Monty and Patty D'Amour, also of Grayling. An August 9, 2003 wedding is planned.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

February:

6 - Shepherd's Pie/Roast Beef; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar at 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

7 - Swiss Steak/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 a.m.

8 - Foot Clinic (Bring Towel) and Pool League at 1 p.m.

10 - Hamburger and Cheese Shells/Pork Roast; Stag Cards at

12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

11 - Baked Cod/Wiener Schnitzel; Date changed for Grayling Nursing Center. It will be the last Tuesday of the month (25th at 10 a.m.); Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m. and Housing Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

12 - Stuffed Peppers and Hamburger Stroganoff; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m., CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m. and White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: We stand tallest when we stoop to help others - we all shine brightest when we rise to the occasion.

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post

Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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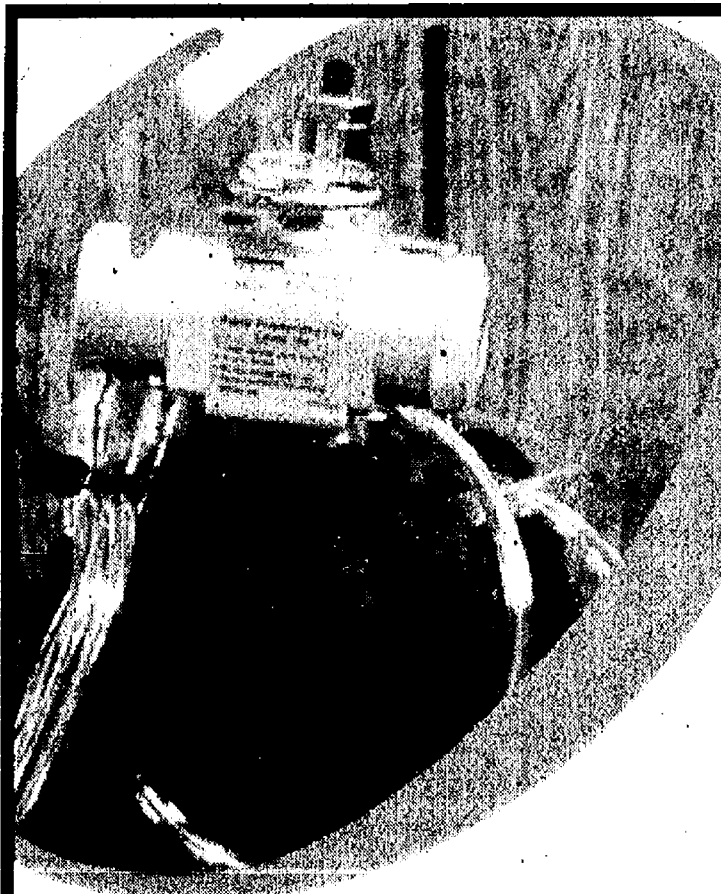
Where: Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

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"YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER"

Museum Board honors volunteers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The plaque reads "Donna Carmean," but its recipient said she couldn't do everything she does for the local historical museum without a lot of help from her husband, Jim.

Grayling resident Donna Carmean was recently recognized by the Crawford County Historic Society's Board of Directors for her dedication and hard work, especially the development and management of the annual Heritage Days.

Heritage Days is held in August each year and celebrates local history, founding fathers, early settlers, lumbering, tourism and other industries.

"There is a treasure trove of history in our little museum here in Grayling," Carmean said. "Everyone who lives here or visits here should spend some time at the museum and learn about the roots of Crawford County."

Dressed in period clothing, Jim and Donna serve as interpreters at the Museum during Heritage Days, and help all year round with other functions of the Historic Society.

President Tim Coe said both Jim and Donna deserve recognition and credit for their many hours of selfless volunteerism and dedication toward the preservation of Crawford County history.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Donna Carmean proudly displays the plaque she received for her dedication, with the help of her husband, to the Crawford County Historical Society.

GHS alumna joins U of M athletic training staff



Brandi McClain has been chosen to serve as the aerobics coach for the University of Michigan Women's Gymnastics Team.

Following auditions with metro Detroit area aerobics instructors, Grayling native Brandi McClain was selected to serve as the aerobics coach for the University of Michigan (U of M) Women's Gymnastics Team.

From her 17 years of dance training with Louise Tournaud and the University of Michigan School of Dance, McClain was able to fuse her dance background with her interest in health and exercise.

She is certified in personal training, sculpting and conditioning, and group aerobics through the American Fitness Training of Athletics and American Heart Association.

McClain also teaches introductory seminars for potential aerobics instructors.

McClain is a spokesmodel and aerobics specialist for the United States division of "In the First Place," a comprehensive health organization focused on promoting exercise and motivating the public.

Currently, McClain teaches aerobics classes, "Dancing Through the Decades," "Cardio Funk," and "Introduction to Hip-Hop" at Liberty Athletic Club in Ann Arbor, as well as aerobics warm-up and conditioning for the U of M gymnastics team.

McClain is a junior at the University of Michigan studying English. After her graduation next spring, McClain will be attending law school focusing on family law. She is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain of Grayling.

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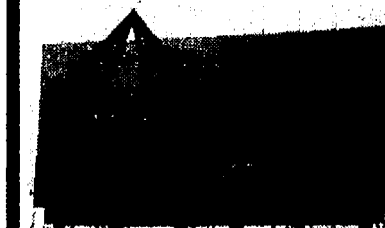
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X-C ski race 2B

Vikings defeat Boyne City

Varsity squad beats Ramblers, Panthers

► Grayling moves back into sole possession of 1st in NEMC

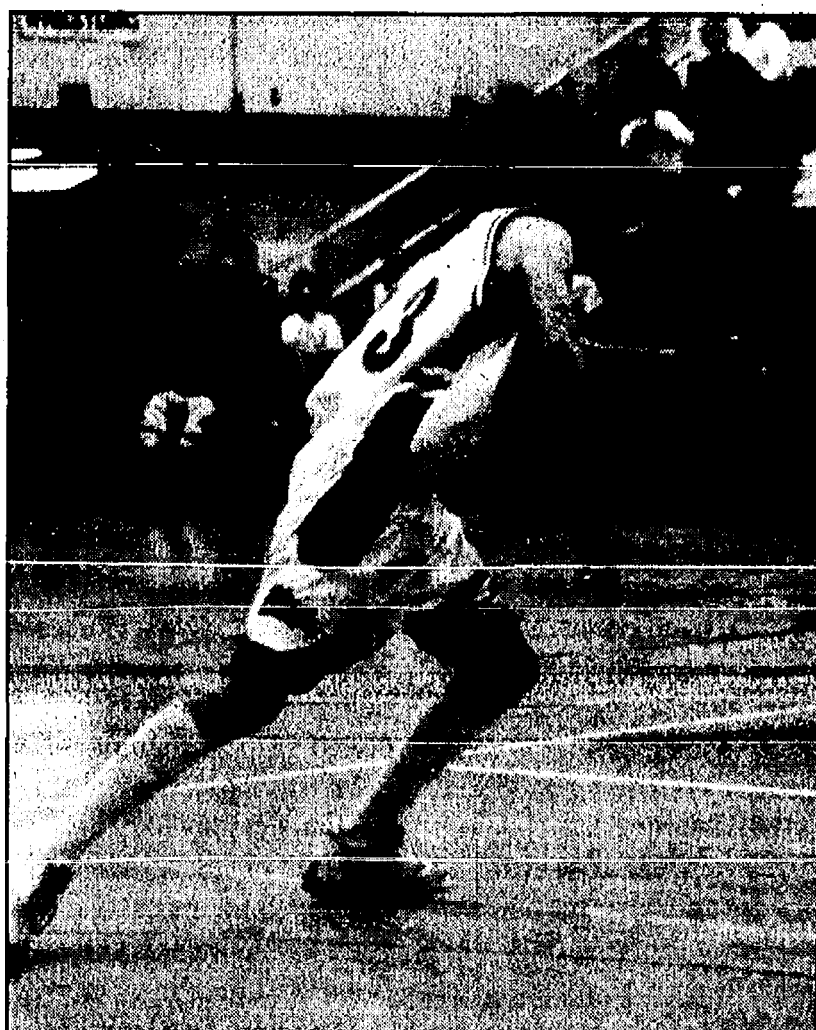
by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a non-conference game vs. Boyne City on Tuesday, the Vikings of Grayling High School weathered an early fourth quarter run by the visiting Ramblers and finished strong to win the match by a final score of 62-45.

On Friday, the Vikings moved back into sole possession of first place in the league race with a 50-46 victory at Standish Sterling Central.

On Tuesday, Grayling got off to a strong start with a 15-2 first quarter. The Vikings scored on a lay-up by Andy Strohpaal, a jump shot by Travis Helsel, a put-back by Roy Czapek, triples by Strohpaal and Gibson Tobin, and free throws by Tobin and Strohpaal.

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See "VARSITY SQUAD..."



Grayling guard Gibson Tobin handles the ball at the perimeter in the Boyne City game on Tuesday.

JV team overcomes injuries, late deficit

► GHS beats Boyne City by a final score of 51-48 at Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

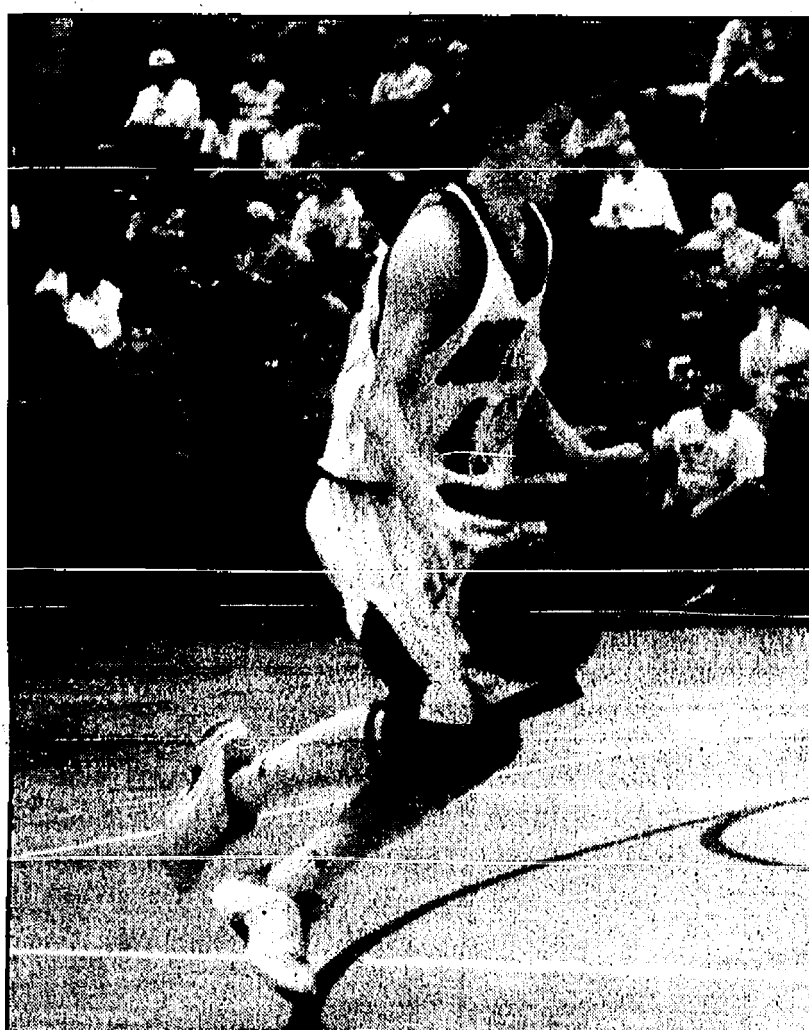
With two of its regulars inactive due to injuries, the GHS junior varsity boys basketball team eked out a win against Boyne City at Grayling on Tuesday 51-48.

Grayling led at the half, but Boyne City came back and

managed to build a five point lead by the 4:32 mark in the fourth quarter. The Vikings picked up their pace from there, and came away with the win, their 11th in 11 games.

Grayling controlled the first quarter, outscoring Boyne City 13-3. The Vikings scored on a lay-up and a drive by Josh Hinkle, a shot inside by Matt Swope, a three-point play by Bobby Starks, and free throws by Jess Bobenmoyer and Hinkle.

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See "JV TEAM..."



Ryan Schmidt drives the ball toward the basket for Grayling in Tuesday night's match vs. BC.

9th graders win by 44 points vs. BC

► Vikings top Ramblers 58-14 on Tuesday night at GHS

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team followed up its first loss of the 2002-03 season with a 58-14 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers at GHS last Tuesday. The win improved Grayling's overall record to 8-

1. The Vikings played solid defense all game and worked hard on the defensive glass, limiting Boyne City's shot opportunities by grabbing rebounds.

"We played a great defensive game," said Coach Joe Mau. "The boys really shut down Boyne City's offense and executed our offense very well. This was an outstanding team win."

Grayling started fast with an
Continued on Page 6B
See "9TH GRADERS..."



Guard Ryan Feldhauser controls the ball for the GHS freshman team against Boyne City.

Hanson Hills hosts cross country ski race



Hanson Hills Recreation Area had to postpone its Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic cross country ski races (scheduled for January 11-12) due to lack of snow prior to that weekend, but the local winter sports park hosted a Michigan Cup cross country ski race on Saturday, January 18 (pictured). For race results, see Page 2B. This weekend, February 7-9, Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority is hosting Winter Fun Days, an annual festival that includes a wide variety of winter-themed events and competitions.

Martial arts expert available for demonstrations

Zack Burns, 17, of Frederic, a martial arts expert who has won three national titles, is looking for opportunities to give demonstrations of his art at area schools.

Burns, 2002 world champion in his division, got an early start in martial arts and would like to help area youngsters get an early introduction as well.

"I like to help kids who have an interest and a desire to learn," Burns told the *Gaylord Herald Times*. "Someday I would like to have my own karate studio. I trained a young kid who then

went on and surprised himself at how well he did at a competition. Something like that means a lot to me."

Burns, who recently relocated to the Crawford County area, has won six straight state championships and has twice won Junior Olympic gold medals. He hopes to compete in the Olympic games.

While training, Burns would like to provide demonstrations in the area. Any classrooms, youth organizations, or clubs interested in lining up one should contact Burns' father Larry at 344-6083.



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Hanson Hills hosts cross country ski race

The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic Ski races, held annually at Hanson Hills Recreation Area, had to be postponed this year. The races were originally scheduled for January 11-12, but lack of

snow prior to that weekend forced the park to cancel the event.

The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic Ski races have been rescheduled for March 18 and 19.

In the meantime, Hanson Hills was able to host a Michigan Cup cross country ski race on Saturday, January 18. The results of the main race, by division, and the 10K event, are as follows:

Men's Overall Results			Women's Overall Results		
(Bib #, Last Name, First Name, Age Group, Time)			(Bib #, Last Name, First Name, Age Group, Time)		
323 Kuhl, Steve	26-30	0:55.12	282 Holstead, Rodney	14-17	1:32.04
319 Onthank, Clifford	46-50	0:56.16	348 Caldwell, John	61+	1:32.07
346 Wood, Tom	31-35	0:56.59	332 Matson, William	61+	1:34.51
275 Maclean, David	41-45	0:57.07	329 Skurlevant, John	61+	1:35.18
304 Smigiel, Steve	36-40	0:57.20	251 Love, John	41-45	1:35.54
252 Brundye, Bill	46-50	0:57.32	326 Johnson, Max	56-60	1:37.49
308 Camp, Don	46-50	0:57.36	303 Sharpshorn, Carl	61+	1:41.23
313 Anderson, Ed	46-50	0:57.39	280 Klungie, Matt	26-30	1:41.35
320 Rimer, Matt	18-25	0:57.46	333 Austin, David	31-35	2:42.00
349 Weingartz, Chris	46-50	0:58.30.1			
314 D'Hrienza, Pete	51-55	0:58.30.7			
321 Paul, Denny	36-40	0:59.55			
253 Angell, Mike	31-35	1:00.40			
261 Weir, Michael	18-25	1:01.27			
278 Smith, Robert	26-30	1:02.03			
270 Dawson, Ken	51-55	1:02.07			
334 Muha, Mike	41-45	1:02.15			
306 Harwood, Jim	36-40	1:02.31			
274 Fairman, Robert	46-50	1:02.52			
317 Leonid, Tikh	36-40	1:02.52			
257 Kanaby, Larry	41-45	1:02.53			
305 Morgan, Jon	36-40	1:03.09			
310 Anderson, Tom	61+	1:03.22			
347 Moore, Joel	41-45	1:03.28			
302 Barton, Bruce	41-45	1:03.41			
266 Kessler, Randy	46-50	1:03.49			
307 Smigiel, Steve	56-60	1:03.57			
339 Peterson, Curt	51-55	1:04.06			
272 Daly, Matt	46-50	1:05.14			
325 Vigeland, Todd	31-35	1:05.18			
284 Mills, Fred	46-50	1:05.57			
283 Sorgenfrei, Allen	36-40	1:06.47			
330 Rynalski, Frank	46-50	1:07.18			
271 Seaman, Michael	36-40	1:07.23			
337 Koltz, William	51-55	1:07.24			
338 Green, Jamie	41-45	1:07.30			
345 Payne, Mark	51-55	1:07.50			
259 Schwab, Yenson	26-30	1:07.58			
264 Hester, Matt	36-40	1:08.01			
267 LaPrad, Jeff	36-40	1:08.23			
309 Tarsha, Gary	51-55	1:08.38			
335 Bourassa, Michael	46-50	1:09.01			
328 Mendyk, Marv	61+	1:09.12			
258 VanDam, Steve	51-55	1:09.19			
312 Jones, Cris	51-55	1:09.51			
279 Haefner, Bill	61+	1:10.12			
318 Cook, Tom	26-30	1:10.26			
344 Mitchell, Robert	18-25	1:10.44			
301 West, Bob	46-50	1:10.50			
268 Heady, Doug	46-50	1:11.10			
350 Guillian, Mike	46-50	1:11.40			
256 Cornell, Douglas	41-45	1:12.00			
262 Buddy, Mark	41-45	1:12.02			
263 Todd, Dell	31-35	1:12.20			
285 McNamora, Patrick	41-45	1:12.37			
260 Weir, Richard	51-55	1:13.52			
277 Seifert, Joseph	51-55	1:15.07			
341 Lorton, Tom	56-60	1:15.31			
286 Morgan, Gary	41-45	1:15.38			
324 Vandekopple, Bib	51-55	1:15.54			
343 Bagnes, Arne	61+	1:16.58			
340 Taruaw, Michael	51-55	1:17.53			
311 Brumbaugh, Ernie	56-60	1:18.26			
254 Geffert, Andrew	31-35	1:18.54			
281 Worrel, Greg	46-50	1:19.23			
273 Cook, Wayne	31-35	1:19.48			
331 Timm, Larry	51-55	1:19.59			
342 Monroe, James	51-55	1:21.03			
322 Merwin, Greg	56-60	1:21.23			
327 Rimer, Mark	46-50	1:22.26			
265 Kelly, Kevin	46-50	1:23.37			
336 Koper, Peter	56-60	1:24.31			
315 Jones, Thomas	61+	1:25.33			
269 Feldkamp, Tim	36-40	1:25.56.6			
316 Moore, Jeffery	46-50	1:25.56.9			
276 Halstead, Ryan	14-17	1:29.40			

GHS ski teams in contention for conference titles

► Boys team is tied for 1st, girls team in 2nd going into league meet

The GHS boys and girls ski teams posted wins in their final double dual meet of the league schedule last week to go into the conference meet in first (tie) and second place, respectively. The league meet (on Thursday, February 6 at Treetops) will determine the final league standings.

Last week, the Vikings defeated both Farwell and Harrison in Grayling.

The Grayling girls won by scores of 22-50 (vs. Farwell) and 31-41 (vs. Harrison).

The Vikings were led by Heather Vandecar, who placed 1st in all four races for four team points.

Jessica Thomson placed 2nd on the team with 24 total points. "Jessica raced all races knowing two teammates had already disqualified and one more loss of a ski could mean defeat for the team," Coach Mike Wieland said. "For a freshman she handled the pressure extremely well, putting good solid fast runs - but not risking it all - down the hill."

Mallory Olson had 28 points for GHS. She placed 2nd in both slaloms and disqualified in giant slalom (GS). Jill Seager was 4th overall with 29 points, placing 3rd and 2nd in GS and disqualifying in the slaloms.

Andria Alvarez placed fifth on the team with 30 points. She took 3rd in both slaloms and

disqualified in GS. Kassie McClain had 34 points. She placed 4th and 6th in GS and disqualified in slalom.

The girls ended the dual season with one loss and one tie for 85 out of a possible 100 points in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. They trail Mt. Pleasant by 10 points going into Thursday's league championship meet at Treetops.

Grayling's boys team defeated Harrison 21-59 and Farwell 20-59 on Tuesday.

Trevor Clough led the squad with four team points. He won all four races, giving him a team-leading 12 victories in the league.

Patrick McNally placed 2nd on the team with 10 total points. McNally took 3rd and 2nd in slalom and 3rd and 2nd in GS.

Jon Handy was third on the team with 14 points, placing 4th in both slaloms and 3rd in both GS races.

Eric Hunter was 4th overall with 19 points. Hunter finished 5th in both slalom races and 5th and 4th in slalom. Jim Jansen was 5th overall with 2nd place finishes in both slalom races and 9th and 10th place finishes in GS.

Adam Gilbert placed 11th in both GS races and Anthony Neal disqualified in slalom.

The boys team ended its dual season tied for 1st in the conference with Mt. Pleasant. Both squads have 90 points. The league championship will be determined at the conference meet on Thursday.

On Thursday, January 30 the GHS ski teams placed 4th and

5th at the Benzie Invitational. A last minute change of schedule let the Vikings switch races from Boyne Mountain to Crystal Mountain.

"The last minute switch of hills evidently caught the skiers off guard, as their performances were not their usual," Coach Wieland said.

Grayling's boys team finished in 4th place with an uncharacteristic amount of falls and disqualifications.

Top skier for GHS in the meet was McNally, who placed 10th in both events. Hunter was 2nd on the team with a 12th in slalom and 21st in GS. Handy placed 11th in slalom and 30th in GS.

Clough took 30th in slalom and 13th in GS. Jansen disqualified in both races. Neal was 22nd in slalom and Gilbert finished 26th in GS.

The GHS girls team was led by Vandecar, who placed 4th overall at the meet with a 3rd in GS and 8th in slalom. Alvarez placed 6th in slalom and 31st in GS. Seager finished 22nd in slalom and 18th in GS. McClain was 25th in slalom and 21st in GS. Thomson placed 26th and 25th and Olson was 28th and 31st.

After Thursday's league meet, the Vikings have Regionals (February 13), the Mt. Pleasant Invitational (February 18), and the Burger King Invitational.

The Burger King Invitational, hosted by Grayling at Hanson Hills, is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 3 p.m.

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Vikings of the Week

Jessica Thomson

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Skiing

Coach: Mike Wieland

JESSICA THOMSON & ERIC HUNTER

Jessica's times in all races were instrumental in the team's two wins at Treetops vs. Harrison and Farwell. Eric's four times were used in Grayling's two league victories last week and in the Benzie Invitational.



The 2002-03 GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Ashley Rousseau, Casey Mahaffy; (middle, left to right) Heather Stamper, Jenny VanNuck, Ellice Cross, Jodi Riddle; (back, left to right) Natalie Christman, Alyssa Farrell, Jessica Pfaff, Jaimi Drudge, Jenny Tozer. Not pictured: Coach Jenny Swander.

JV volleyball team beats Oscoda, HL

► Vikings win best-of-three series at home 2-0 vs. both opponents

In home meets last week, the Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Oscoda and

Houghton Lake in JV girls volleyball contests.

On Thursday, the Vikings won 15-7, 15-5 vs. Oscoda.

"The girls attacked well," said Coach Jenny Swander. "They worked well as a team and made their serves, which is extremely important."

Serving leaders for GHS

were: Jessica Pfaff, 8 for 9; Jaimi Drudge, 8 for 9; Jenny Tozer, 9 for 11; Alyssa Farrell, 5 for 5; Jenny VanNuck, 4 for 6; Casey Mahaffy, 2 for 2; Ashley Rousseau, 1 for 1; June Clark, 1 for 1.

On Monday, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8.

"The girls started a little slow

but quickly turned it around," Coach Swander said. "They served well. They had some great attacks and good net play."

On Monday, February 10 the Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central at 6:15 p.m. The team will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

GHS wrestlers outscore Tawas, Hale

► Grayling posts 50-20 victory over Hale, 39-36 win over Tawas

Grayling High School's wrestling squad defeated Hale 50-20 and Tawas 39-36 in a meet held at Tawas last Thursday.

For Grayling, Adam Malone (130), Mike Gassman (145),

Dusty Partello (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Brandon Pratt (171), Don Starks (189), and Aaron Rosecrans (215) all won both of their matches on Thursday. Joe Bancroft (140) and Emily Harvey (103) each won one match at the meet.

"This was a good team effort as Grayling had four wrestlers out of their line-up," Coach Don Ferguson said.

The Vikings are currently in third place in the North East

Michigan Conference. The final league standings will be determined at the conference meet on Saturday, February 8 at Bay City John Glenn.

On Saturday, February 1 eight of out 12 Grayling wrestlers earned a medal at the 10-team Gladwin Invitational at Gladwin.

Gassman (152) and Jeremy Handrich (160) both placed 1st in their weight classes. Joel Wilson (145), Babbitt (160),

Pratt (171), and Rosecrans (215) all placed 3rd.

"This was an excellent tournament as there were a number of state placers and state qualifiers," Coach Ferguson said. "This was a good chance for the kids to get ready for the upcoming state competition."

On Thursday, February 6 the Vikings will host Kalkaska and Traverse City at GHS at 6 p.m. The meet will include "parents night" for Grayling's wrestlers.

GMS WRESTLING

In its first meet of the 2003 season, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team competed against 14 other teams at Bullock Creek on Saturday, February 1.

Placements for GMS included: 1st - Daniel CdeBaca, Stephen Grove, Jeff Bancroft, Josh Partello; 2nd - Matt Haight,

Mykel Revord, Jeff Woolsey, Jeff Harwood; 3rd - Krystal Babbitt, Corey Metzger, Keith Revord; 4th - Cody Collen, Doug Gothro, Shane Grove, Cody Malone, Cory Shear. Also winning a match, but placing just out the top four, was first-year wrestler Tory Myers.

GRA WRESTLING

On Saturday, February 1 the Grayling Recreation Authority youth wrestling team traveled to Bullock Creek to compete against 14 other teams.

Placements for Grayling included: 1st - Joey Contreras, Matt Townsend; 2nd - Kyle Schmidt, Zach Mack, Joey Schwartz, Calvin Kangas, Shayla Grove, Daniel DuVall, Luke Schneider, Austin Harris; 3rd - Jon Petrie, Cody Elmy, Ty Jensen, Derek Babbitt, Blake Wood, Zach Wolcott; 4th -

Adam Wargo.

The team will travel to Pine River on February 8.

The team will compete at Pine River on Saturday, February 8.

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Wendy's

Vikings of the Week

Adam
Malone

Dusty
Partello

Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson

ADAM MALONE & DUSTY PARTELO

Both wrestlers won four matches last week and both wrestlers only lost to state placers at the Gladwin Invitational on Saturday.

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Basketball program includes exhibition game



Photo courtesy of Tracy Wilson

Grayling Recreation Authority Boys Basketball Program participants gather in the Grayling High School locker room. The six-week program included an exhibition game during halftime of a GHS junior varsity boys basketball game in December. Pictured are: (front) David Bergan; (second row, left to right) Coach Ryan Swope, Camren Wilson, Louis Rioux, Scott Wejrowski, Scott Parkinson, Zane Tobin, Coach Darnell Wilson, Coach Rocky Tobin; (third row, left to right) Thomas Burrell, Ryan Randall; (back row, left to right) Jeff Enos, Joey Latusek, Jenson Aubry, Steven Enos, Jacob Helsel, Zack Randall, Jared Carlisle, Craig Collen, Alex Bartha, Zack Schreiber, Travis Schreiber, Devon Dawson.

Little League Board appoints new officers

Grayling Little League's Board of Directors met for the first time for the 2003 season on Sunday, January 12 at the Grayling Holiday Inn, and plans for the '03 season are underway.

A top priority for the meeting was appointment of new officers. Grayling Little League's officers for the new season are: Rich Alexander, President; Rich Schreiber, Vice President; Yvonne Schreiber, Treasurer/Concessions; Sherri Aubry, Secretary; Dusty Latusek, Player

Agent; Tracy Wilson, Safety Officer/PR; John Schneider, Equipment Manager; Jeff Branch, Fields/Structures; Brian Burrell, VP Minor League; Rob Aubry, VP Intermediate League; Dave Latusek, VP Umpires; Yvonne Schreiber and Staci Rosin-Gay, Co-VP Softball; and trustees Joe Smock and Rocky Tobin.

The Board of Directors will be planning their 2nd Annual Player Registration Night for March and a Grayling Little League Spring

Training Clinic for pre-season skills development.

Last year, approximately 170 youth, ages 7-14, participated in Grayling Little League. During the 2002 All-Star Tournament, the Grayling Major League team advanced to 8th place out of 32 teams in its division. The Intermediate All-Star team initially tied for 2nd and then was eliminated when the tie-breaker decision was based on runs scored against the team during the play-offs.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 33 - 16
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 31 - 18
D.X.R. Computers . . . 31 - 18

Sparks . . . 26 - 23
North Pure Ice . . . 22 - 27
Little Tyke Day Care . . . 22 - 27
Shady Acres . . . 18 - 31
Calkin's Excavating . . . 19 - 36
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 658; P. Lewis, 583; S. Miller, 560.
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 256; D. Yanniello, 232; P. Lewis, 225.
High Series Women: S. Romain, 582; T. Day, 504; M. Miller, 486.
High Game Women: S. Romain, 209; E. Helsel, 196; C. Yanniello, 191.

Northwood
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 17.5 - 6.5
Lucky & Laura's . . . 16 - 08
Beckett Contracting . . . 15.5 - 8.5
North MI Financial . . . 15 - 09
Hometown Furniture . . . 10.5 - 13.5
Corky's Karaoke . . . 09 - 15
Grayling Chiropractic . . . 08 - 16
Calkin's Excavating . . . 4.5 - 19.5
High Series: S. Romain, 557; M. Rock, 499; M. Starks, 498.
High Game: S. Romain, 213; D. Romain, 200; M. Rock, 186; M. Miller, 186; A. Evon, 186.

Friday Mixed Doubles
American Legion . . . 23 - 09
Northern Cafe . . . 19 - 13
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 15 - 17
Charles Country Corner . . . 15 - 17
Double Trouble . . . 15 - 17
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . 15 - 17
Fick & Sons . . . 14 - 18
Piehl's Sawmill . . . 12 - 20
High Series Men: C. Hanson, 623; J. Mehal, 552; R. Moshier, 540.
High Game Men: C. Hanson, 244; B. Trudeau, 215; S. Green, 198; P. Lewis, 198.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 529; K. Trudeau, 485; K. Moshier, 474.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 201; B. Lozon, 183; K. Moshier, 173.

American Men's League
Warren Forest Products 14.5 - 6.5
Moore's Automotive . . . 14 - 07
Scheer Motors . . . 12 - 09
Helsel Forest Products 11.5 - 9.5

Forrest Brothers . . . 11 - 10
GADCO . . . 09 - 12
McLean's Ace . . . 08 - 13
Fenton's Auto Service . . . 04 - 17
High Series: D. Canfield, 663; D. Yanniello, 651; L. Davis, 633.
High Game: D. Canfield, 258; D. Henning, 251; T. Davis, 243.

Seniors
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 56.5 - 23.5
Flowers By Josie . . . 40 - 40
Gray Rock . . . 40 - 40
Cornell Insurance . . . 38.5 - 41.5
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 38 - 42
Sylvester's Sports . . . 36 - 44
Buccillis Pizza . . . 35 - 45
Hall's Snow Removal . . . 35 - 45
High Series Men: K. Harris, 628; G. Wolfe, 591; B. Hollis, 578.
High Game Men: K. Harris, 224; G. Wolfe, 213; B. Hollis, 207.
High Series Women: P. Essiambre, 479; W. Finkbeiner, 475; M. Rysso, 470.
High Game Women: J. Miller, 179; P. Essiambre, 177; M. Rysso, 169.

American Legion Lanes
Avalanche . . . 18 - 06
South Side River Rats . . . 18 - 06
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 13.5 - 10.5
Rochette's . . . 13 - 11
The Ice House . . . 11.5 - 12.5
Chemical Bank . . . 09 - 15
Custom Interior . . . 07 - 17
McDonalds of Grayling . . . 06 - 18
High Series: C. J. Cousins, 537; C. Clark, 482; K. Moshier, 480.
High Game: J. Cousins, 220; E. Helsel, 189; C. Yanniello, 186; T. Hellebuyck, 185.

National First
AuSable Construction . . . 29 - 06
Denholm Chiropractic . . . 22 - 13
Corky's Karaoke . . . 19 - 16
Hart Pontiac GMC . . . 17 - 18
Faustman's Insurance . . . 16 - 19
Legion Lanes . . . 14 - 21
Scott Pittman Builders . . . 14 - 21
Northern White Tail . . . 09 - 26
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High Game: C. Hanson, 257; C. Brill, 238; J. Barton, 237.

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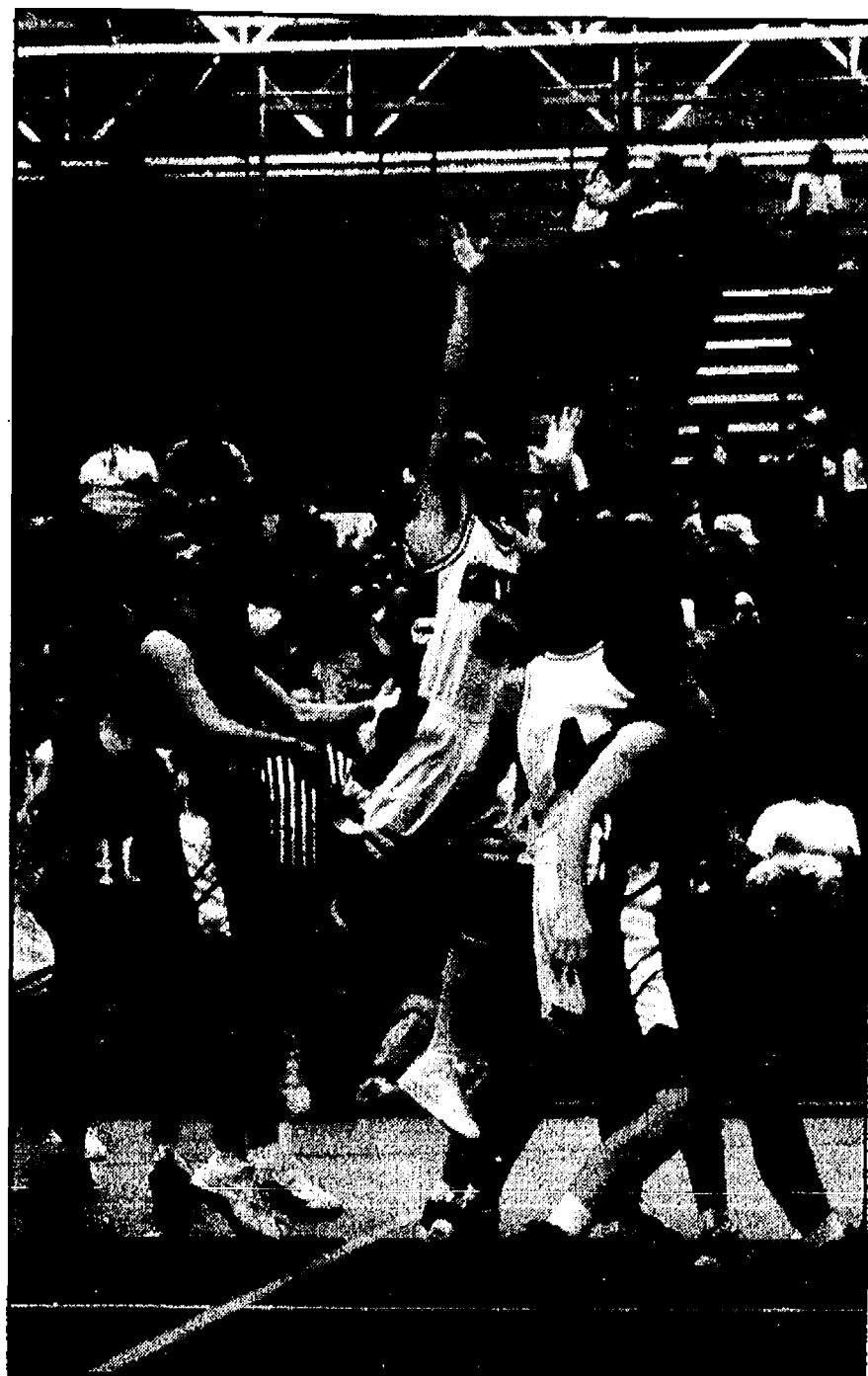
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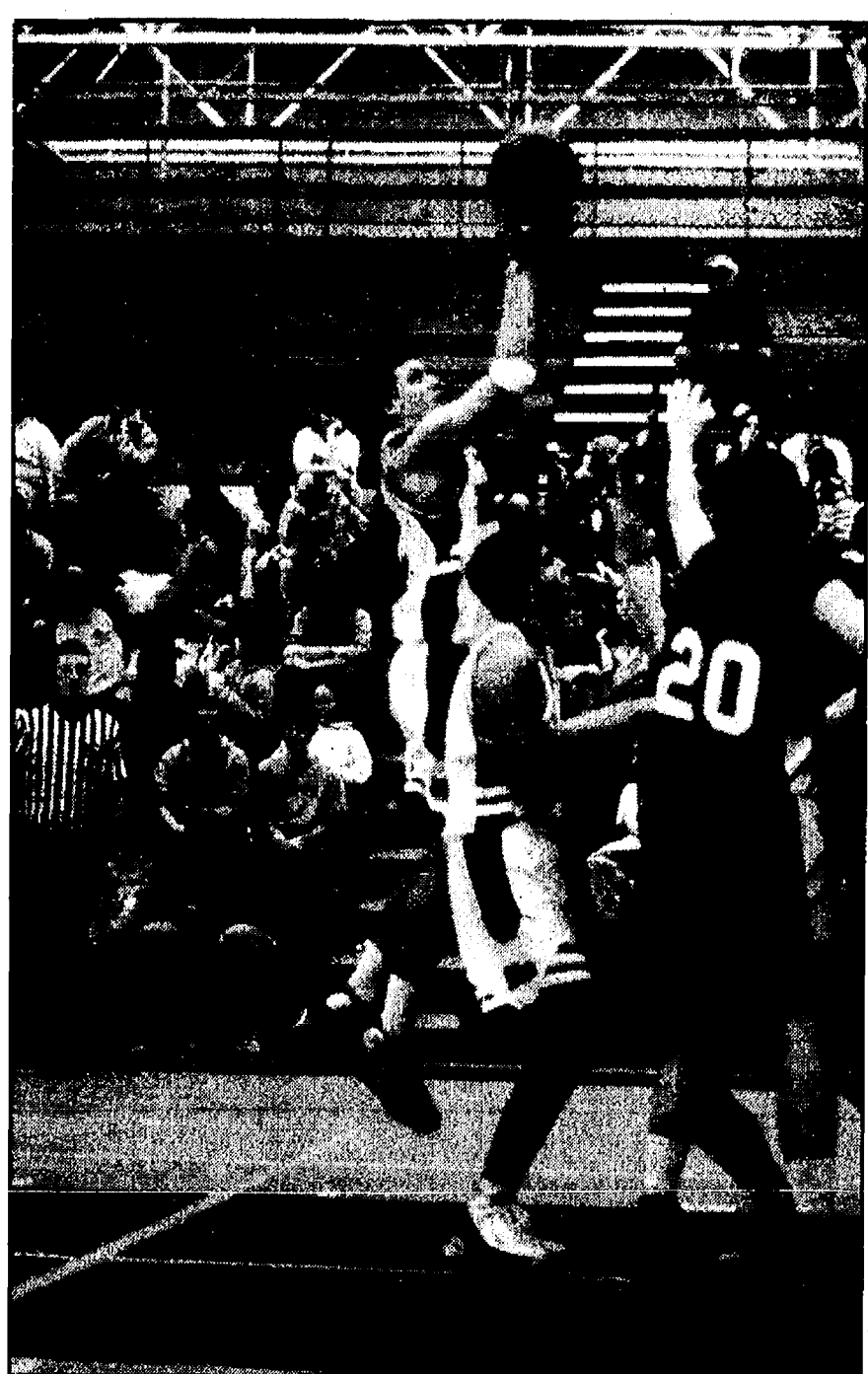
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Adam Kaiser shoots from inside the key in Grayling's 62-45 victory over Boyne City on Tuesday.



Roy Czapiek takes a jump shot in the Grayling vs. Boyne City varsity game last week.

Varsity squad beats Ramblers, Panthers

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Boyne City fought back and pulled within five with about two minutes left in the first half. A 7-0 run (on three baskets by Adam Kaiser) to finish the second quarter gave Grayling a 28-16 advantage at halftime.

Overall, the Ramblers edged GHS 14-13 in the second period. Grayling scored its 13 on a jumper by Helsel, two free throws by Strohpaul, a jump shot by Tobin, and two jumpers and a triple by Kaiser.

Grayling scored the first seven points of the third quarter on a three-point play by Czapiek, a shot inside by Czapiek on an in-bounds pass from Tobin, and a tip-in by Czapiek on an in-bounds pass from Tobin.

The rest of the period was a back and forth battle, with Grayling coming out with 13 points and Boyne City 12 in the third quarter overall.

The Vikings led 41-28 going into the fourth period.

Boyne City opened the fourth quarter with a 9-0 run to pull within four, 41-37. Seven of the nine points were scored at the free throw line.

From there, the Vikings outscored Boyne City 21-8.

Grayling's points down the stretch were the result of a jumper by Helsel, a drive, a jumper, and a lay-up by Kaiser, a triple by Chad Helsel, two free throws and a lay-up by Tobin, a lay-up by T. Helsel, and jumpers by Kaiser and Phil Armstrong.

Grayling won 62-45.

"Our kids re-dedicated themselves to the defensive end of the court and it showed," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We did a nice job of pressuring the ball, denying the post area and basket cuts, and rotating to help on defense. A huge improvement over the past week."

"Plain and simple, if we are going to be successful this season, we have to play defense. We have to play like a blue collar team," Coach Moffit said.

Kaiser and Tobin finished with 15 points apiece in the Boyne City game. T. Helsel had 10,

Czapiek had 9, and Strohpaul 8. Tobin had 7 assists.

On defense, Strohpaul and T. Helsel each had 4 steals. Joe Lange finished with 5 blocked shots.

On Friday, the Vikings won a league match at Standish Sterling Central 50-46. The victory, coupled with a Bay City John Glenn loss to Tawas, moved Grayling back into sole possession of the NEMC lead. Going into Friday, Grayling and Bay City were tied for first place in the conference.

Against Standish, Grayling led 22-19 at halftime and 37-29 after three quarters of play. Standish

New football coach to be introduced at GHS

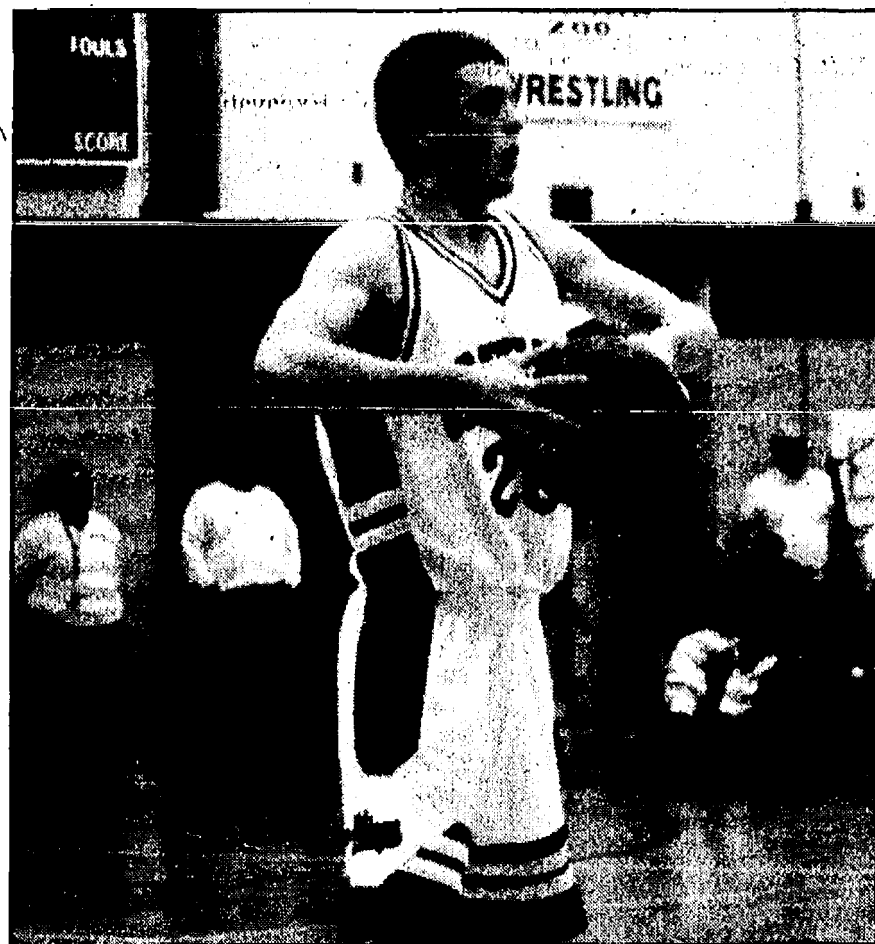
Grayling High School's Athletic Department plans to introduce its new head coach for football at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game at GHS on Friday, February 14.

The new coach is Jason Mensing, formerly the coach at Addison High School.

After the varsity basketball

game on Friday night, a "meet the coach" event will be held in the GHS cafeteria. At the event, Mensing will be available to meet parents of football players and Viking fans.

The varsity basketball game will begin after the JV contest (between 7:30 and 8 p.m., approximately) on Friday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Strohpaul looks to pass in Tuesday's game vs. Boyne City.

made a run in the fourth quarter, but Grayling held on for the win.

Kaiser led Grayling with 18 points. Czapiek scored 14 and led the team in rebounding with 9 boards. Tobin, who also had 5 assists and 5 steals, finished with 12 points. Lange blocked 6 shots. Ryan Schmidt, Strohpaul, and Roger Alvarez also scored for GHS in the match.

"This was a big win for our kids," said Coach Moffit. "We had some key kids out and we fought adversity."

"Defensively, I thought that we did a good job of maintaining our pressure throughout the game. Standish is a pretty physical team and I thought we banged with them," Moffit said. "We are 8-0 when we hold our opponents under 59 points."

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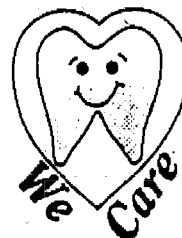
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9th graders win by 44 points vs. BC

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18-4 first quarter. In the first eight minutes, the Vikings scored on two jump shots by Ryan Feldhauser, put-backs by Eli VanNuck and Zach Dean, a shot inside by Dean, a lay-up by VanNuck on a pass from Feldhauser, a shot inside by Reagan Schmidt, and jumpers by VanNuck and Zac Baker.

The Vikings dominated Boyne City in the second quarter, outscoring the visiting Ramblers 22-2 in the period.

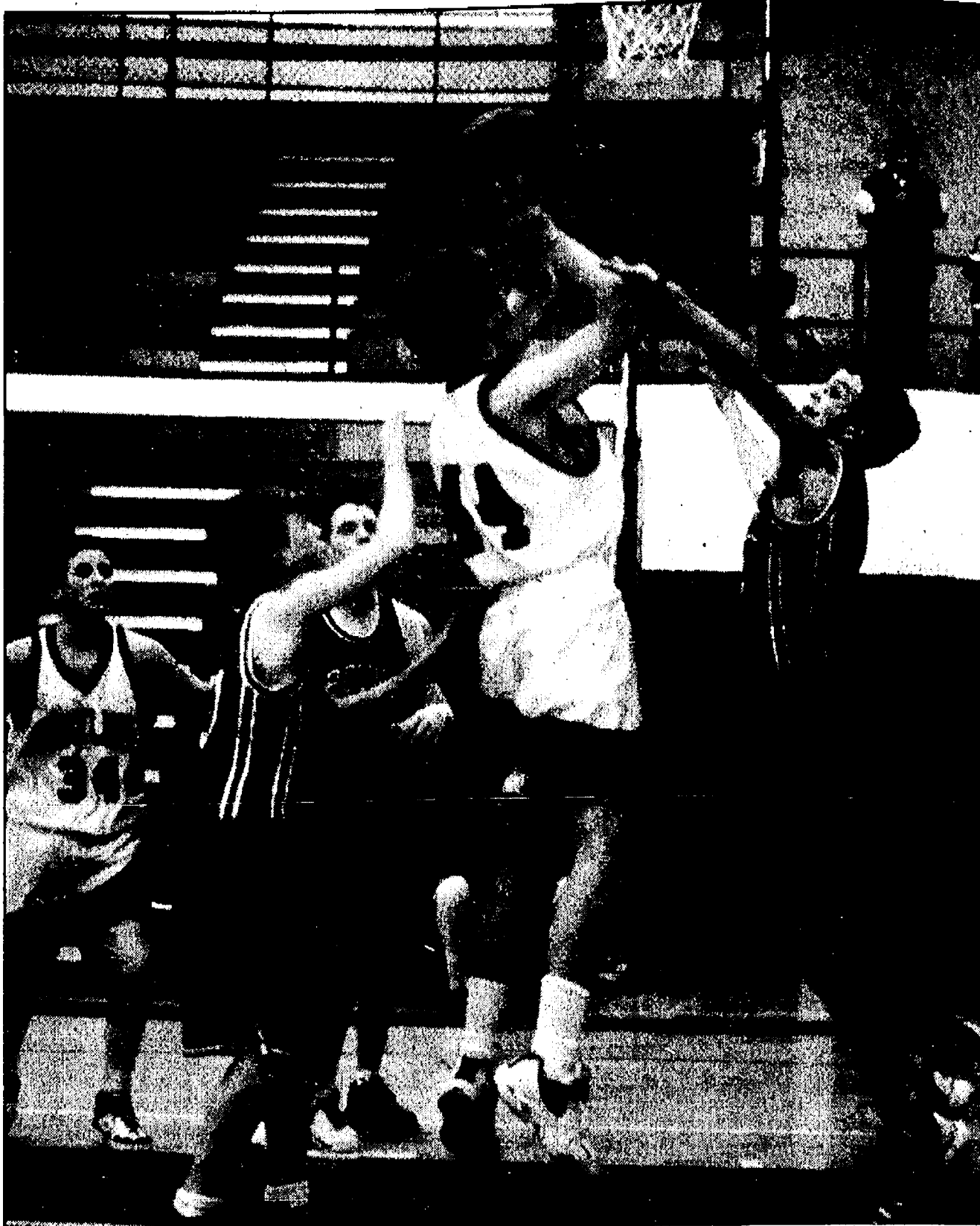
Grayling's 22 second quarter points were the result of four baskets and a free throw by VanNuck, a jump shot and a triple by Feldhauser, a shot inside by Dean, a jumper by Baker, and two lay-ups by Schmidt.

The Vikings had a 40-6 advantage at halftime.

The Vikings ran a slow-paced offense in the second half and outscored Boyne 18-8 the rest of the way. Grayling's second half points came from a jumper by Baker, three free throws by J.C. Schneider, a put-back by Dean, a shot inside and a jumper by Feldhauser, a jump shot by Baker, a shot inside by Dean, and a three-point play by Schmidt.

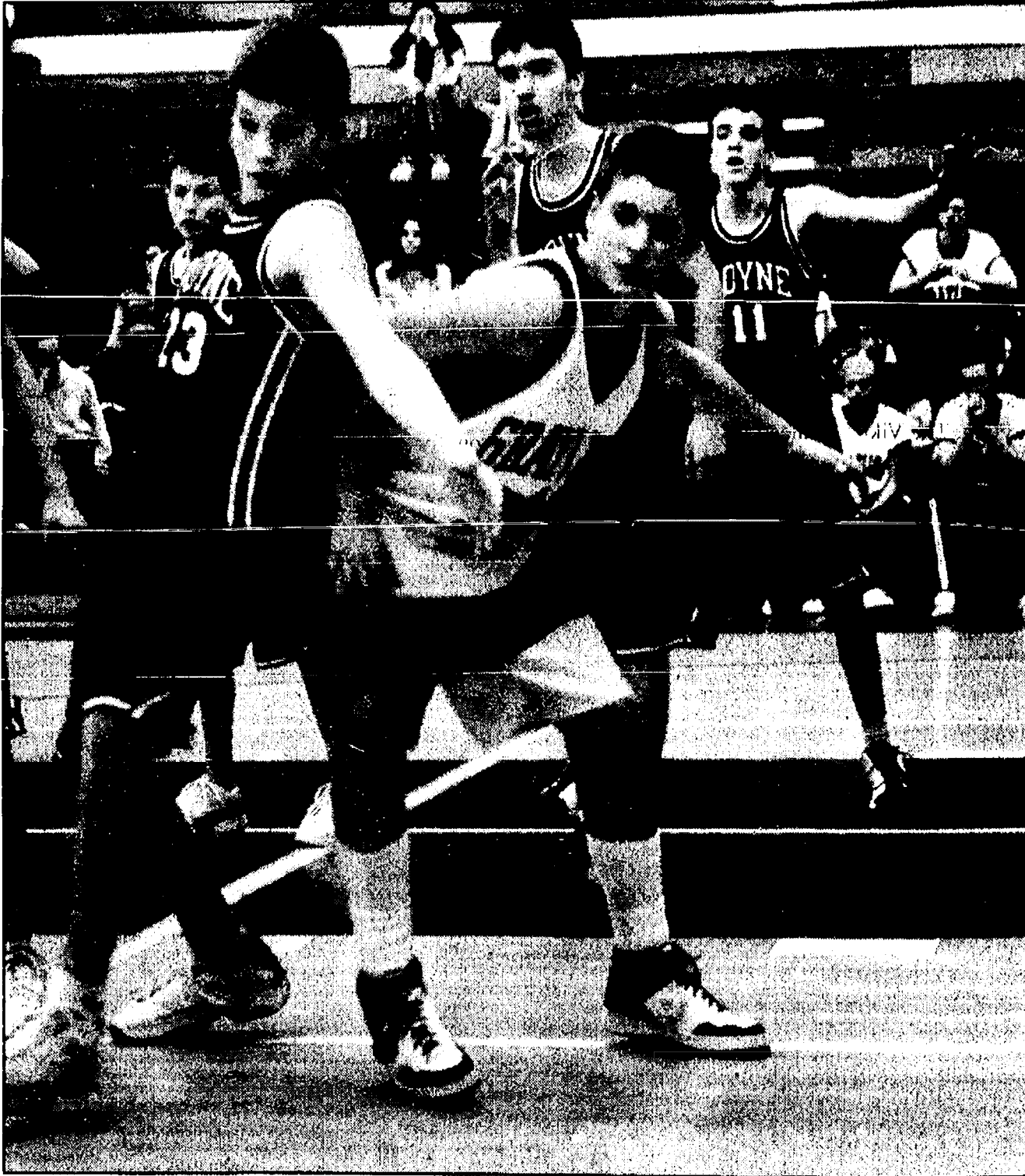
Four Grayling players reached double digits in scoring: Feldhauser, 13 points, 6 steals; VanNuck, 13 points, 6 steals, 5 assists; Schmidt, 13 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists; Dean, 10 points, 6 rebounds. Baker finished with 8 points and a team-high 8 rebounds.

The Vikings will play at Bay City John Glenn on Friday, February 7.



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J.C. Schneider goes up for a shot inside against Boyne City last week.



Zeke Hayes battles for position in the Boyne City game on Tuesday.

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8th graders win by two, lose by one

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (white) team won an overtime game vs. Roscommon and lost a close game against Standish Sterling 31-30 in matches last week.

On Monday, the Vikings won 22-20 at Roscommon in overtime.

"We came from behind again to win," said Coach Jim Burch. "Our defense played well. Nick Parkinson held their leading scorer to six points. We rebounded the best we have all season. We made some put-back shots that helped us win the game. All of the players played good defense."

Terry Fraley had 8 points and 10 rebounds for Grayling. Parkinson scored 6 and brought down 7 boards. Carlos Ledesma, Pat Belcher, and Moses Peters also scored for the Vikings.

On Thursday, Grayling lost a close game at Standish 31-30.

"We lost a game we should have won," Coach Burch said. "We were ahead with less than a minute to play. We did not protect the ball, turned it over, and they scored with a buzzer beater. Down the stretch we missed two lay-ups and five of six free throws."

Parkinson was the scoring leader for Grayling with 12 points. Fraley had 8. Peters scored 7. Belcher and Jeremiah Bootz also scored for GMS.

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JV team overcomes injuries, late deficit

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Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter, leaving Grayling's advantage at 10 at the intermission.

Grayling scored its 13 on a shot inside by Starks, a lay-up by Ryan Schmidt, a put-back by Russ Peters, and free throws by Swope (5 for 6) and Starks (2 for 3).

The third quarter did not go well for Grayling. The Vikings struggled, and Boyne City got its offense on track. The visiting Ramblers outscored GHS 21-7 in the third period to take a 37-33 edge into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored their seven points on a triple by Hinkle, a put-back by Bobenmoyer, and a drive by Starks. Starks fouled out halfway through the quarter, further testing Grayling's already injury-limited depth.

A pair of free throws by Schmidt pulled Grayling within two. A basket by Boyne City put the Ramblers back up by four. A put-back by Bobenmoyer and a shot inside by Boyne City left the Ramblers up by four. A lay-up by Schmidt brought the Vikings to within two.

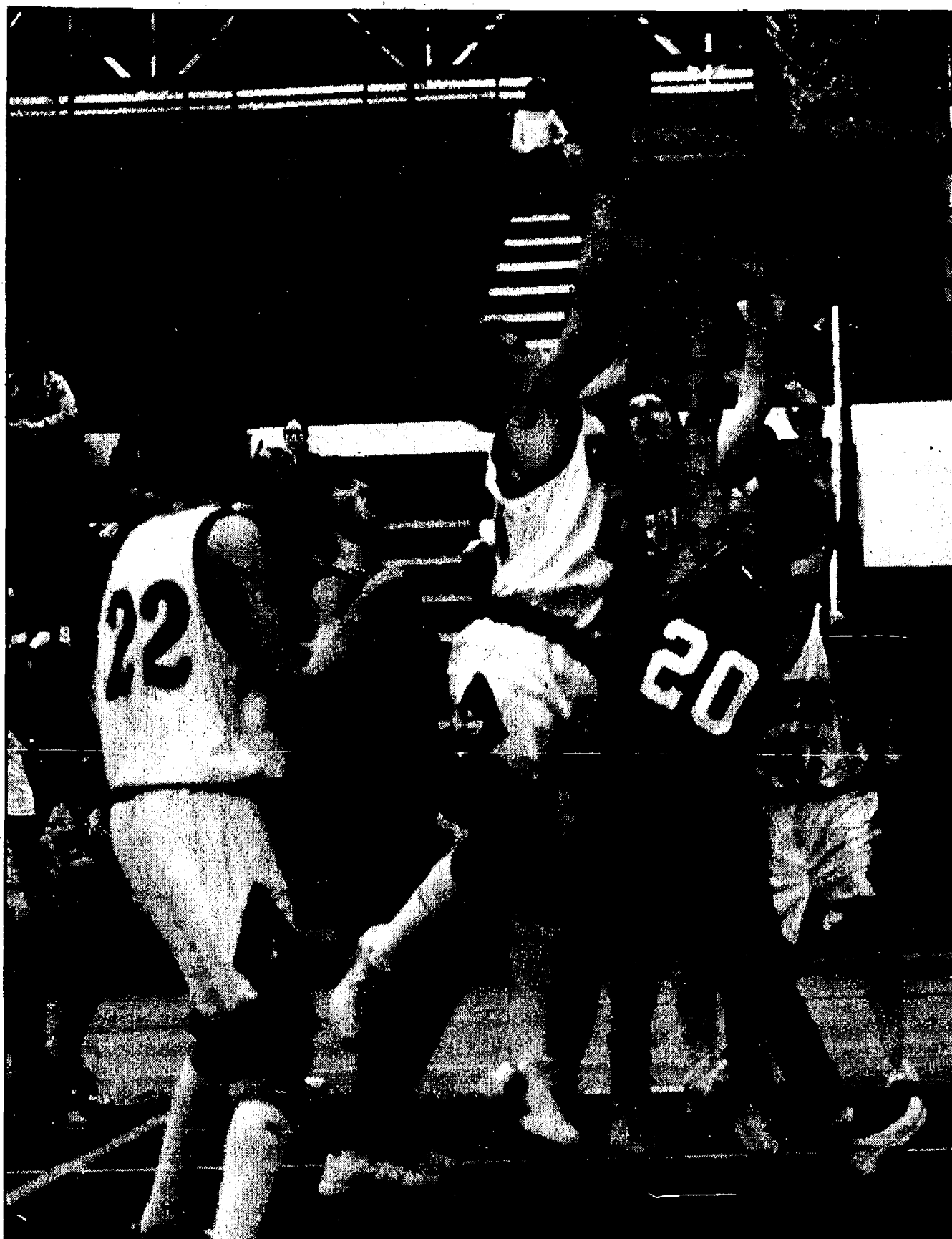
A shot inside and a free throw by Boyne City put the Ramblers up by five, 44-39, with 4:32 left in regulation.

The Vikings responded with a 9-0 run that included a put-back by Swope, drives by Hinkle and Schmidt, and free throws by Bobenmoyer and Swope. Grayling led by four with 2:07 left in the fourth quarter.

Two free throws by Boyne City pulled the Ramblers within two. A free throw by Swope gave GHS a three-point edge with 59 seconds remaining.

Boyne City scored on a put-back. Grayling turned the ball over. On Boyne City's resulting possession, Hinkle knocked the ball loose and Swope, Hinkle, and a Boyne City player latched onto the ball for a tie-up. The possession arrow favored Grayling. The Vikings, ahead by one, got the ball with 12 seconds left.

Grayling got the ball in bounds and Boyne City had to foul. Tyler Cragg scored one of



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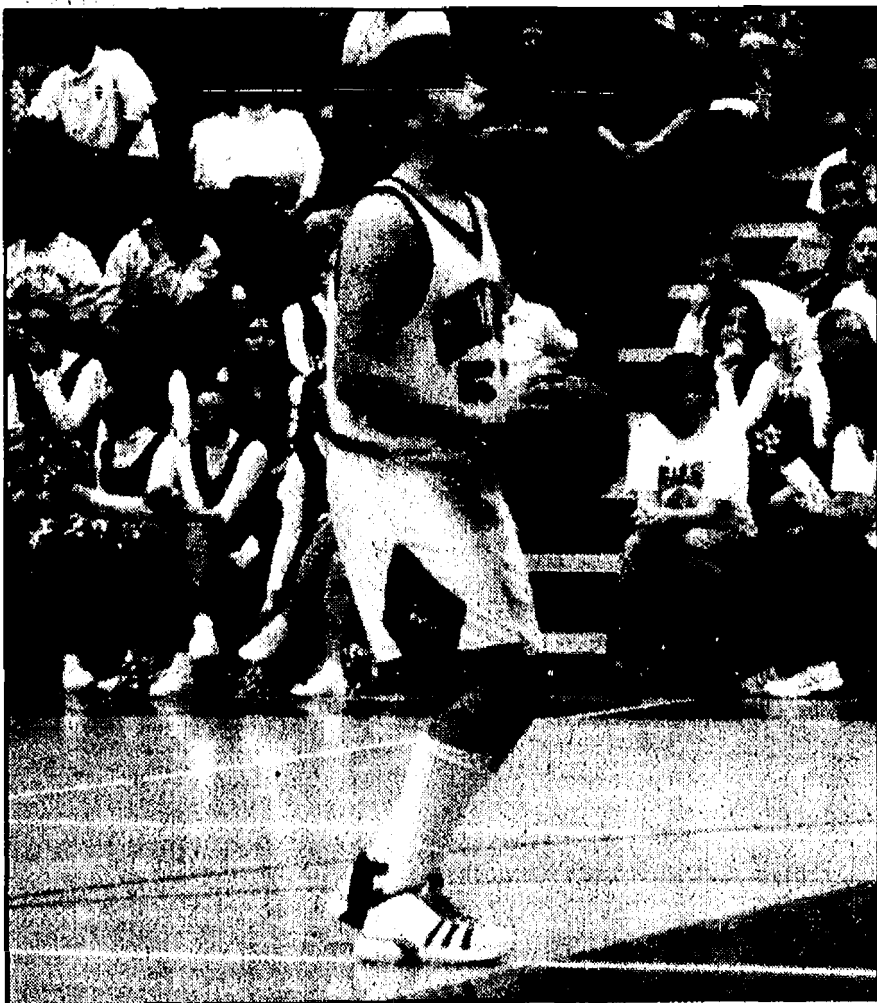
Russ Peters goes up for a shot inside in the game against Boyne City on Tuesday.

two at the line to put GHS up by two. The Ramblers shot, missed, and Hinkle rebounded. He passed the ball off, and Boyne City fouled Cragg again. He hit one of two at the line to give Grayling a 51-48 advantage.

The Ramblers had enough time to throw up a half-court shot for the tie, but it didn't go in.

The Vikings held on for the three-point win.

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Matt Swope shoots from the free throw line on Tuesday night.



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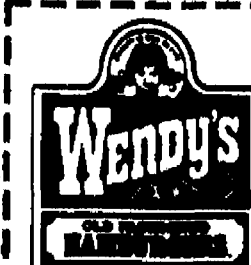


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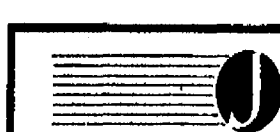
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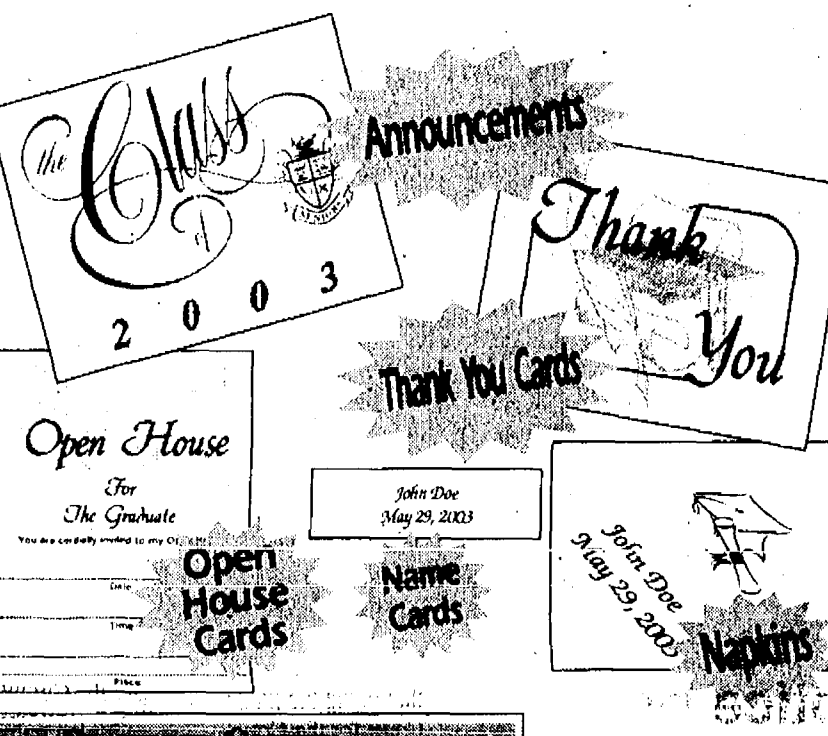
SEGMENT I: 24 Hours Lecture, 6 Hours Driving, Teen Classes Start: 3 Weeks
Feb. 20-March 20 M, W, TH 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Make-up day 3/20/03)
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

DETROIT — Scoreboard watching is popular this time of year in Michigan college basketball circles as teams vie for post-season tournament bids, and few have a sharper eye than Kirtland coach Glen Donahue.

Every win is an important step closer to a first-ever state tournament appearance for the Firebirds' third-year program. Every loss is a crucial step in the wrong direction. So it was Saturday, when the 'Birds let a tightly contested game slip away in the closing moments, losing at Wayne County Community College, 82-73.

The teams had entered the game tied for third in the 10-team Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. When the dust settled around the league after Saturday's other action, Kirtland was in fourth at 4-3, just ahead of Alpena and Macomb at 3-3. Wayne was alone in third at 5-2.

"That was a big one for them," Donahue said of his Detroit rivals. "It makes our team ahead of us and puts our next game against Henry Ford that much more important."

Donahue's team is gunning for a third- or four-place finish, which ensures a home game to start the tournament against either the fifth or sixth seeds. The top two clubs earn a bye in the first round.

Which means the Firebirds have to start finding a way to close these tight games in victory instead of defeat.

"I'm still trying to figure out

how we can have a guy score 26 points and have 20 rebounds and we still lose the game," Donahue said of a yeoman's effort by 7-foot Lithuanian-born center Alvidas Gedminas. "He played another great game for us. But, we all made some mistakes near the end of the game — even the coaching strategy — and it cost us the ballgame."

Reuben Edwards had 17 points and Jake Milarch added 10 for the Firebirds, who fell to 9-9 overall this season. Anthony Butler had 24 points and Aaron Perry contributed 18 for Wayne, 9-8 overall.

DEARBORN — Aaron Walker scored 16 points to lead Henry Ford Community College to a 74-57 victory Wednesday night over Kirtland in a battle between two teams struggling to make the post-season state tournament.

Reuben Edward and Alvidas Gedminas each scored 12 points for Kirtland, with Gedminas hauling down nine rebounds. The Firebirds' second straight road loss dropped them to 9-10 overall and 4-4 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Henry Ford improved to 12-7 and 3-3.

GRAYLING — Marcus Bennett poured in 33 points while James Homes and Travis Baker scored 16 each to lead Schoolcraft to a 112-84 victory Saturday over Kirtland in a game played at Grayling High School.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 8 in the nation among the top two-year programs, raised its record

to 21-1 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Jake Milarch led Kirtland with 21 points. Reuben Edwards and Jeremy Rau had 15 points each and Alvidas Gedminas had 10 points for the Firebirds, who fell to 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the conference after their third straight loss.

Womens Team

DETROIT — After two strong performances from his team, Kirtland Lady Firebirds Coach Jimmy Parker had great expectations heading into an important game Saturday at Wayne County Community College.

Which made a lopsided loss that much more discouraging. Things went so badly so quickly — his team was trailing 42-17 at halftime — that Parker couldn't be sure his team was worse on one end or the other in a game that ended on the wrong side of a 79-51 score.

"We just couldn't play any defense at all," Parker said, "and our shots weren't falling. We had pretty decent shot selection, but we only hit about 20 percent from the floor."

Chavon Haskins scored 32 points and hauled down 22 rebounds to lead the rout against Kirtland, enabling Wayne to improve to 11-8 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"Wayne is a good team. They're really progressing," Parker said. "But we should have played them tougher."

Jillian Schultz had 14 to lead

Kirtland, which fell to 2-5 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-12 overall.

Adding injury to insult, Kirtland lost starting freshman forward Jeni Kemp to an ankle injury six minutes into the game. She was expected to miss about a week.

The loss dropped Kirtland to eighth in the conference. The top six teams qualify for the post-season tournament.

DETROIT — Dawn Allen scored 18 points Wednesday night and helped previously winless Henry Ford Community College fend off a second-half surge by Kirtland en route to a 65-61 victory.

Becca Miller had 16 points and Brianna Glasscox had 13 for Kirtland, which lost for the fifth time in seven games and fell to 7-13 overall and 2-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Henry Ford had lost its previous 18 games, including its first six conference games.

GRAYLING — Pam Wingate and Brandy Taylor each scored 21 points Saturday to power Schoolcraft to an 82-59 victory over Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 19 for Kirtland and Amy Jordan and Lori Hinkle contributed 10 points each.

The Lady Firebirds lost for the seventh time in nine games, falling to 7-14 overall and 2-7 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft improved to 14-7 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

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Wieler 3, Dean 5, Swope 6,		Weyerhaeuser 52: Ruddy 8,
Deleo 2.		Grant 12, Dandy 3, Trenary 10,
McLean's 25: Thane Doremire		Davis 8, Hull 4, Zrebski 7.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 40 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northernly bend of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003
For information, please call:

Team W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200310462
Team W

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the

point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002
Patrick Timothy Reid, II
REID AND REID
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Business & Trade Center
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

-06-13-20-07-06

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 18th day of January 2003 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes at 9:10 A.M.

II. Members Present: Moshier, Hayes, Palmer
Members Absent: Banda, Wyman
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Lynne McConnell, Dave Sabin

III. Matter of Business.
A. D & K Investments - "Grayling Reel Property"

*Dave Sabin now present (9:30 A.M.)
*Dave Sabin left the meeting (9:55 A.M.)

03-14
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to take a 20 minute recess, 10:05 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

Meeting called back to order at 10:30 A.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-15
Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve the resolution as read:

WHEREAS the City of Grayling has entered into a purchase agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, for the sale of certain real property located in Section 17, T26N, R3W, known as parcel 5 of former Grayling Reel and more fully described in attached exhibit "A" and

WHEREAS certain environmental testing has revealed possible environmen-

tal contamination of the property above-described; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of both parties to transfer ownership of the property above-described to D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, prior to a complete resolution of the environmental issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grayling, by and through its manager to enter into a hold harmless agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC whereby the City of Grayling does agree to hold harmless D&K Investments, LLC from all damages, costs and liability associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property above-described occurring prior to January 23, 2003.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Grayling and D&K Investments agree that the responsibility associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property be corrected to the level acceptable by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);

Roll Call Vote: Hayes: Aye, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Absent, Banda: Absent, motion carried.

03-16
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to take a recess, 10:55 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 3, motion carried.

Meeting called back to order at 11:15 A.M. By Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-17
Motion by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to take a 10 minute break, 11:35 A.M. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

*Allen Lowe left meeting (11:40 A.M.)

Meeting called back to order at 11:45 A.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes.

03-18
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement as follows:

The undersigned, by and through its duly authorized agent, does, on this 18th day of January, 2003, enter into this instant agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC, concerning the real property located in Section 17, T26N, R3W, known as parcel 5 of former Grayling Reel and more fully described in attached exhibit "A".

The City of Grayling, by and through its manager to enter into this hold harmless agreement with D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC whereby the City of Grayling does agree to hold harmless D&K Investments, LLC from all damages, costs and liability associated with any possible environmental contamination of the property above-described occurring prior to January 23, 2003;

The City of Grayling and D&K Investments, LLC agree that the City of Grayling assumes the responsibility associated with correcting any possible environmental contamination of the property occurring prior to January 23, 2003 and remediate to the level acceptable by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);

Dated January 20, 2003
By: Authorized Agent for the City of Grayling

By: Authorized Agent for D&K Investments of Grayling, LLC

Roll Call Vote: Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Absent, Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, motion carried.

IV. Adjournment
Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule and for coming in on a Saturday to take care of business.

03-19
Motion by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at the rate of 8.7 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door

of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 20 feet of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of lot 5, block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 6, 2003
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank,
As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 17th day of January 2003 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 8:08 A.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Moshier.

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Don Schanz, Steve Langseth, Lynn McConnell, Terry McGregor, Tim Zigala.

III. Matter of Business.

A. D & K Investments leasing the Grayling Reel Building.

B. DDA Update.

IV. Adjournment.

03-13
Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2003

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Palmer, Wyman, Hayes, Moshier

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk,

Caleb Casey, Carl Lehto, Duane Brooks

Joe Ferrigan, Lynne Porritt-McConnell,

Kelly Cunningham, Al Somero, Tim

Zigala, Tom Wellman, Don Schanz, Steve

Langseth, Bill Gannon, Brad Butcher.

III. Public Hearing.

None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

A. 911 Activity Report for November

2002.

B. 911 Activity Report for December

2002.

C. Grayling Police Monthly Report

for December 2002.

D. Fire Department Year End Report

for 2002.

E. Fire Department Year End Report

for 2002.

F. Financial Report for November

2002.

G. NEMCOG Minutes from

December 12, 2002:

03-01

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes

that the Consent Agenda be approved as

presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,

Absent: 1, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes of

December 9, 2002.

03-02

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of

December 9, 2002 be approved as cor-

rected. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,

Absent: 1, motion carried.

VI. Old Business.

A. Carl Lehto presented a box of can-

dies to the council and gave a review of

projects done by Gosling Czubak for the

City of Grayling in 2002 and wanted to

say "Thank You" to the City for the busi-

ness.

B. Bond

03-03

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Hayes to approve the resolution awarding

sale of \$900,000 2003A General

Obligation Limited Tax Bonds to Fifth

Third Securities, Inc. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0,

Absent: 0, Abstain: 1, motion carried.

C. Survey - Keith Kenney.

03-04

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes

to approve the amendment to the purchase

agreement with D&K Investments by

changing the number of acres that will be

sold as a part of the Agreement from 19

acres to 22.74 acres and adding the lan-

guage at the end that says "A copy of the

survey of the parcel, labeled as parcel 5"

is attached." Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain:

0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

D. Fire Station - Architectural.

03-05

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Hayes to approve the additional services

of Butcher & Associates for Design-Bid-

Build Conventional delivery method with

an additional cost of \$16,000. Ayes: 4,

Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion

carried.

03-06

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer

to have Duane Brooks as the contact per-

son for the construction of the new fire

station. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,

Absent: 1, motion carried.

E. DDA

03-07

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Hayes

to approve the Resolution of Intent

of a Downtown District. Roll Call Vote:

Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, Moshier:

Nay, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, motion

carried. Public hearing will be scheduled

for Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 7:30

P.M. with the location to be determined,

depending on what is available.

F. Appointments.

03-08

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes

to appoint Larry Akers to another 5-year

term on the Housing Commission, Joe

Ferrigan to another 3-year term on the

Zoning Board of Appeals and John Dobry

to another 3-year term on the Parks

Committee. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain:

0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

G. Deed to Fire Station

03-09

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Palmer to Deed the Property for the Fire

Station to the City of Grayling and

Grayling Township with a price to be

determined by the actual cost of the prop-

erty and the building to be built. Ayes: 4,

Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion

carried.

H. City Manager, Allen Lowe gave an

update on the New City Hall.

I. City Manager, Allen Lowe present-

ed a one page application "Request for

City Finds" to be reviewed by the

Council. This could be a working form

that can be used for any request for

money from the City.

VII. New Business.

A. Council felt that the request from

the Police should be handled and decided

by the Department Head and have

instructed them to take it to their Chief.

B. Industrial Park Committee is work-

ing with Langseth Engineering to come

up with a recommendation for streets in

the Industrial Park.

C. Phase II

03-10

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Palmer to approve a Phase II environmen-

tal on the complete "Grayling Reel" prop-

erty for \$8,500. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0,

Absent: 0, Abstain: 1, motion carried.

D. Water Meters - Sewer Only

Accounts will be brought back at the next

meeting under Old Business.

E. Property Resolution.

03-11

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Palmer to approve the Resolution

Authorizing Signatures for Property Sale.

In the event the Grayling City Council by

majority vote approve the sale of real

property, the City Clerk or City Manager

is authorized to execute the necessary

documents in the name of the City of

Grayling. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,

Absent: 1, motion carried.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

None.

IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning

Committee, Parks Committee.

ZBA:

*Passed a variance request by the

Christian Help Center.

Planning Commission:

*Would like to correct Zoning map.

*Would like to move Professional

offices and business offices and Banks

and financial institutions, excluding

Drive-Through facilities from a permitted

principle use in a Downtown Commercial

District (C-1) to a special use according

to the Zoning Ordinance.

*Council would like for the Planning

Commission to hold the public hearing

concerning the changes to the Zoning

Ordinance, then bring back for action.

Parks Committee:

*Working on putting together a list of

goals for next summer.

*Working on what the fee should be

the Park Committee's mission statement

and inquired as to if it is the "Parks

Committee" or "Parks and Recreation

*MMM had requested Allen to be on a

committee, which would be a 2-year com-

mitment.

Council Member reports:

*Palmer wants to know if anyone was

still doing grant research on a regular

basis in the office like Mary & Michele

used to do.

*Hayes offered to share with the audi-

ence members the candy that was given to

the council by Gosling-Czubak.

*Wyman showed the "Rainbow Trout

Award" presented to the Grayling City

Council by the Mason-Griffith Founders

Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

XI. Adjournment

03-12

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Hayes that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1,

motion carried. The meeting was

adjourned by 9:23 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having

been made in the terms and conditions of

a certain mortgage made by Donald L.

Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and

wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and

Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser,

husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge

Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First

National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main

Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated

August 31, 2001 and recorded in the

office of the Register of Deeds, for the

County of Crawford, and State of

Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber

0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford

County Records, and on which there is

claimed to be due, at the date of this

notice, for principal, interest and late fees,

the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings

have been filed to recover the debt

secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore,

by virtue of the power of sale contained in

the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes

of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is

hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th

day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale

at public auction to the highest bidder, at

the main entrance to the County Building

in the City of Grayling, Crawford County,

Michigan of that premises described in

the mortgage, or so much thereof as may

be necessary to pay the amount due, on

the mortgage, with interest thereon at the

contract rate and all legal costs, charges

and expenses, including the attorney fees

allowed by law, and also any sums which

may be paid by the mortgagee to protect

its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Grayling,

County of Crawford, State of Michigan,

described as follows:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 2,

HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO

THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF

GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet,

thence South 120 feet, thence East 180

feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of

Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and

5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDI-

TION and also the South 33 feet of vacat-

ed Clare Street lying Northerly and adja-

cent thereto.

The redemption period shall be six (6)

months from the date of such sale, unless

the property is determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in

which case the redemption period shall be

thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003

BODMAN, LONGLEY &

DAHLING LLP

Amy J. Durant (P54777)

Debt Collector for First National

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 7, 1980

Seventeen year old Toni Trudgeon was crowned Miss Grayling 1980 at the Winter Pageant extravaganza. She was crowned by Sue Burr, last year's Miss Grayling. Named first runner-up was Susan Weeber, while Sue Nicholas was named second runner-up.

While the number of complaints investigated by city police officers increased by 24 percent, at the same time incidents of major crime showed a decrease in 1979, according to a recently released annual report from Police Chief Pete Stephan.

Last Saturday's running of the 1980 White Pine Stampede, drew a field of almost 200 skiers from far and wide to battle the bitter temperatures in the 20 and 50 kilometer events, the latter was won by Bob Kemp of Prudenville, with a winning time of 3:42.27, just ahead of Butch Stockton who finished less than five minutes later. David Hayes of Grayling, finished third with a time of 3:56.12.

Three students from Grayling Middle School, have been named local winners in the 11th annual America & Me Essay Contest.

The three, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are Teresa M. Barber, first; Alice F. Matyn, second; and Rae Ann McEvers, third.

It was speed and agility vs. height and strength last Friday as Grayling played against the arch rival Gaylord Blue Devils in a game that may well have determined the winner of the conference. The Vikings succumbed to the Devils, 54-40, losing their grip on a share of the lead in the league race.

The Vikings failed to daunt Detroit Free Press pollsters as they ranked Grayling seventh in Class C.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Crawford County has received a grant of \$1,000 from St. Francis Episcopal Church to assist in the establishment of a viable program in Crawford County.

Low temperatures for February 1 was -15 degrees, the high being 19 degrees.

46 Years Ago February 7, 1957

The annual cherry pie baking contest was held Monday at the Grayling High School. Nineteen girls took part in the contest. The winner of the event was Mickey Mikesell. Miss Ilene Horning placed second in the contest, Marlene Yoder third.

Crawford County, from the latest Government and other data, is witnessing a birth rate that is running 13 percent ahead of the average in the United States.

The birth rate is 28.6 births per 1,000 among local residents.

The Grayling Vikings and the Boyne City Ramblers continued in a tie for the leadership of the Northern Class C Conference as Grayling dropped the Pellston Hornets 75 to 57.

More than 6,000 winter sports enthusiasts and sight-seers are expected at the annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival February 9-10.

Grayling Winter Carnival spot-lights a Michigan resort area that pioneered the development of winter sports as a vacation attraction. Grayling was the first Michigan com-

munity to establish an organized winter all-sport area. That was in 1929.

What a price! What a Buick! Manufacturer's suggested retail price for a 2-door special 6-passenger Buick sedan is \$2,595.83, including delivery, handling and Federal Excise taxes.

69 Years Ago February 8, 1934

Camp AuSable, Civilian Conservation Corps, are happy at having received the distinction of being chosen as the best camp in the Fourth Forestry district, when they were inspected by Major Falk and Capt. Hill of Chicago.

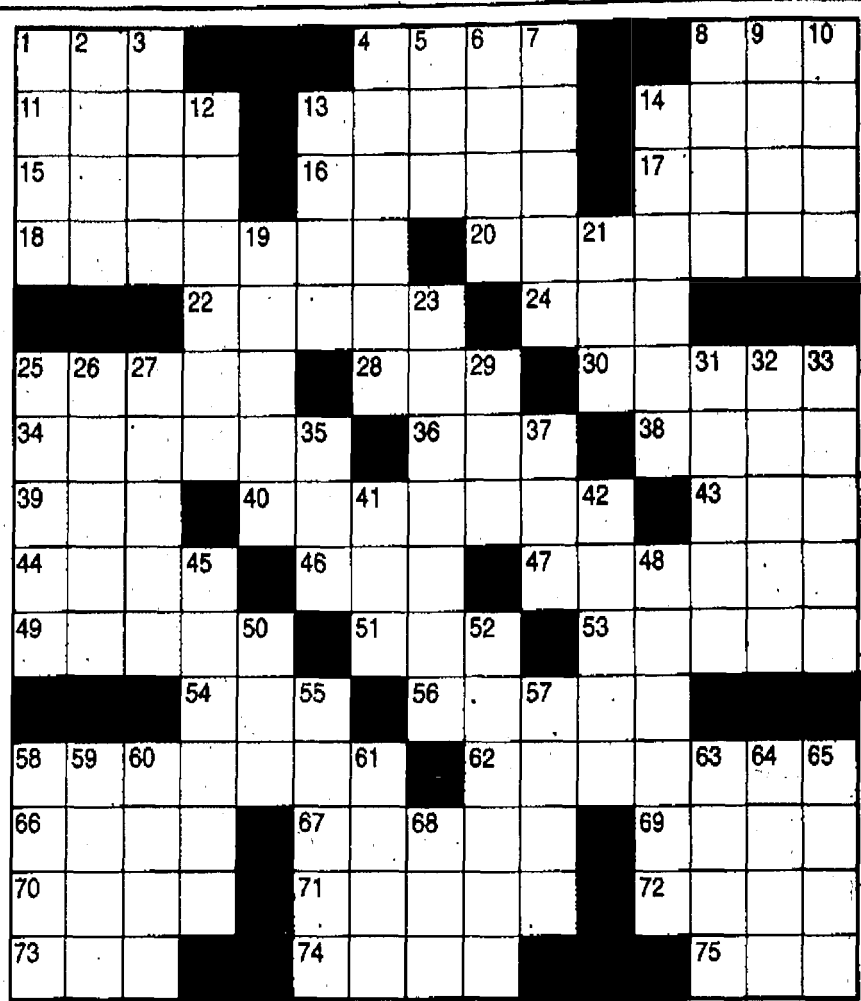
After the temperature hovered below zero all day Wednesday, during the following morning it dropped to 38 degrees below zero.

92 Years Ago February 9, 1911

The fiercest storm of the year reached Grayling about 1 p.m. Sunday. It was nearly a hurricane from the east with snow, which continued all day Monday.

The greenhouse which was projected last fall by J.H. Cook is no longer a project, but a fixed institution for our village, and is now in business.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Cold and unfriendly
- 4. Passing fashions
- 8. Polka pattern part
- 11. Pretty pitiful grades
- 13. Two-listed type
- 14. Work animal
- 15. She, in Paree
- 16. Happen next
- 17. Finishes
- 18. Said to be
- 20. Least hairy
- 22. She was jilted by Jason
- 24. Defective bomb
- 25. Author Tillie
- 28. Cookbook item: abbr.
- 30. Follow the reaper
- 34. Pane locale
- 36. Singer Orblson
- 38. Author Gardner
- 39. ___ tizzy (2 wds.)
- 40. One who decides a matter
- 43. Squabble
- 44. Guy with a pocket protector
- 46. Indeed, in Psalms
- 47. Powerful
- 49. Mercouri, for one
- 51. Pacino and Capone
- 53. Ocean movements
- 54. Bridal adjunct

- 56. City "porch"
- 58. Pinball palaces
- 62. O'Hare or Kennedy
- 66. Brewing choices
- 67. Scarlet Letter daughter
- 69. At any time
- 70. Ms. Hart of Peter Gunn
- 71. Abates
- 72. Playmate for Pebbles
- 73. Rene's refusal
- 74. Benevolent, protective ones
- 75. Banned insecticide: abbr.

- 21. Tote
- 23. Blimp shots
- 25. Having debts
- 26. Inside layer
- 27. Capture
- 29. Bivouac bed
- 31. Miscalculated
- 32. Alienated
- 33. Salamanders
- 35. Disdainfully ironic
- 37. Slang assent
- 41. "Luck ___ Lady" (2 wds.)
- 42. Chopper Blade
- 45. Lower
- 48. Left the waiter money
- 50. Billy the ___
- 52. Gapes
- 55. Cheyenne abode
- 57. Fixes a squeak
- 58. Egyptian solar disk
- 59. Tackle anew
- 60. Novelist James ___
- 61. ___ point (Siamese type)
- 63. Post exiled by Augustus
- 64. Rive
- 65. Move, like an exploring dog
- 68. Pump, in a way

DOWN

- 1. Notion
- 2. Battery Unit
- 3. Whoop
- 4. Car feature
- 5. Noon preceders: abbr.
- 6. Besmear
- 7. Sam or J.C. of golf
- 8. Sand hill
- 9. Auto pioneer
- 10. Take for a trial run
- 12. Appeared to be
- 13. Consider
- 14. Interfere
- 19. Salami variety

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Orange Mango Potatoes

- 2 cups Orange Mango Juice
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 3 lbs. yams, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly oil a 2- to 3-quart baking dish. Set aside. In a

saucepan, combine juice with brown sugar and spices. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Spread half of the potatoes in the prepared dish. Sprinkle with raisins and walnuts. Spread with remaining potatoes, and pour liquid mixture over the top. Cover and bake until tender, about 1 hour, basting several times. Raise the temperature to 425°F, uncover and bake an additional 30 minutes until juices are thick and top is nicely browned.

MAZE

Start Here

Find your way out of the igloo.

Did You Know

Earthworms get air from spaces between particles of soil. When it rains, earthworms come to the surface to avoid drowning!

connect the dots

Adopt a Pet

Mika is a spayed female black lab. She is approximately 10 months old and still a puppy at heart. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 6, 2003

December 22 - January 19

Be prepared for rough times at work. You are making great strides in building your self-confidence. Don't give up—you have almost reached your goal.

March 21 - April 19

You've made remarkable progress at work and your boss has noticed. Treat yourself to dinner and don't forget to thank those who helped you.

June 22 - July 22

A friend is getting creative in the kitchen, and several of their dishes have received rave reviews. Compliment them on their creativity, and spice up your life with a new hobby.

September 23 - October 22

A coworker has an unhealthy obsession. Speak to them about it. You have more influence on their life than you know.

January 20 - February 18

You will face many challenges at work this week. Tackle them one at a time. Get out your suitcase—travel is in the forecast.

April 20 - May 20

An old flame returns with a special request. Honor it only if it won't cause conflict. A special delivery is headed your way.

July 23 - August 22

Make the most of the first part of the week. You'll soon be buried in a new project at work. A family member needs some advice.

October 23 - November 21

You are overcome with joy as you read a long-distance communication. Share your good news with others and celebrate with an evening out.

February 19 - March 20

An elderly friend is feeling isolated. Set aside some time to visit them and encourage them to join an organization or take up a hobby that will get them out of the house.

May 21 - June 21

You'll hear and see a lot at the office this week. Learn from it and use it to your advantage. If you have ideas, make sure to communicate them but one or two else beats you to it.

August 23 - September 22

Your boss asks you to take the lead on a project, but you're hesitant since it requires you to teach. Don't worry—you're a better teacher than you think.

November 22 - December 21

You're feeling on top of the world this week. There's nothing you can't accomplish. Share your optimism with others and make everyone feel good.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/29	23	11	1
1/30	16	-16	
1/31	29	8	
2/01	29	22	3
2/02	30	24	
2/03	29	27	1
2/04	29	20	1

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 15	High 10	High 18	High 25	High 22	High 19
Low 1	Low -6	Low 4	Low -1	Low -4	Low 0
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow	Snow Showers	Light Snow

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1993 MOBILE HOME 16'x80'. Must see, many extras. Three acres wooded. New well, septic, bath. State land 525' away. 3357 N. Down River. \$61,900 cash. (248) 627-7622 (-23-30-6-13/1)

1. Real Estate

NINE APARTMENTS and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find that perfect home. (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

STOP RENTING for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

New Home near Lake Margrethe 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Dining room Front & Rear Decks, 1,536 Sq.Feet, Lot 100 x 200 \$98,500 989-348-7038

MORTGAGES



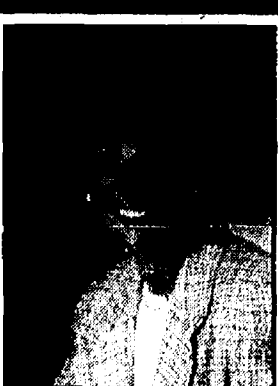
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1-800-794-3440

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Traverse City, MI
49686

Cozy 1 w o bedroom home with full basement has fenced in back yard, drive through garage and some old charm like hardwood flooring. Also has commercial frontage on M-72 West. \$44,900 #5056 Ask for Connie!

Century 21
River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop
(989) 346-5474

REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

County Building Courthouse
Feb. 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Property Address: 3009 Rasmus Drive, Grayling, MI
Minimum Bid: \$42,200 + \$1.00
3 bedrooms, 1 bath
Property Size: 21,600 SF
Redemption Period: six (6) months

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.

For information contact:
USDA Rural Development
240 W. Wright St.
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-5470

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RE/MAX

Above the Crowd!

LARGE HOME offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000

SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME? Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$58,000

GUTHRIE LAKES LOT #653! Nice mixture with hardwoods and an excellent location to build. Association dues \$250.00 per year. Electricity at road, blacktop, 15 minutes South of Grayling and 15 minutes South of Gaylord. Some of the many amenities property owners enjoy: clubhouse, swimming pool, boat house and dock, beach and play area, park and picnic tables, nature area, volleyball court and much more. CS-1625 \$6,000

THIS 2 BEDROOM, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Kitchen offers lots of cabinets. Large utility room with storage. 2 car detached garage with cement patio & apron. 15.5 x 6 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$54,900

QUALITY BUILT TOWNHOUSE in desirable Viking Village. Spacious 1,194 s.f., 2 B/R, 2 bath, double Andersen Windows and doorways onto patio, central A/C, breakfast nook, all appliances included, formal entry, large living room with vaulted ceiling, drywall interior, spotless move in condition. 15x22 attached heated and finished garage, blacktop drive, sprinkling system. Beautiful secluded setting, located just outside city limits. Amenities provided i.e. grass/shrub trimming, snow removal, garbage pick-up. Excellent Opportunity. First unit offered for ownership. Ask for condo bylaws. Visual Tour at remax-grayling.com CH-1642 \$93,900

HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500

QUALITY RUSTIC "UP NORTH" CUSTOM BUILT CEDAR LOG HOME/LODGE, 2.5 acres adjoining state land. Located 1 1/2 miles from Grayling in a very private setting on dead end road. 2,250 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 bath, full cedar log home with 100% T&G cedar interior. Vaulted ceilings, Andersen Windows & bow windows. 10 inch pine flooring in kitchen / dining, custom doors, built-ins (Builders' Home). Natural fieldstone fireplace in family room, gas fireplace in living room. Much, Much More. CH-1698 \$315,000

QUALITY HUNTING RETREAT ADJOINS STATE LAND ON WEST & SOUTH SIDES! Newer (1999) 576 s.f., 1 B/R cottage, drywall interior, R-19 insulation, kitchen, dining room, and bathroom. 12 x 24 patio, 8 x 10 storage building, large pond. Two R.V. hook-ups. AuSable River 1/4 mile over state land. 3 heated deer blinds, two tree stands, two frost-free water hydrants. Thousands of Acres of state forest land out your back door. Private drive with gate. Fenced 48 acres. CH-1647 \$185,000

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS! PERFECT LOCATION FOR ALL SEASONS COTTAGE! 12x24 One B/R cabin, bath with a path, storage shed, well, screen porch. Furniture included: table, 2 chairs, microwave, stove, refrigerator, 2 beds, love seat, and picnic table. CH-1416 \$25,900

http://www.remaxgrayling.com

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays by appointment only.
(989) 348-7440

Great Income Opportunity!
Good occupancy history for great income opportunity. 5 unit apartment building with laundry hook-up in each unit and newer appliances in most units. Listed below appraised value. Owners are licensed realtors in the State of Michigan. \$149,900 #225092

Location & Convenience!
Great location! Large corner lot within walking distance to downtown Grayling. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with full basement. \$49,900 #222684

Ideal Little Home for Starter or Weekend!
Great little 1 bedroom, 2 bath house for a starter home or a weekend getaway. Block basement has lots of storage and a full bath. \$33,000 #222639

Nice Home for Family!
Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this 3BR, 1 bath home is just off a major paved road. Completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #220100

Great Location - Land Contract Terms!
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home in great location, just seconds away from state land, snowmobile trails, and the AuSable River. Sale includes stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and new carpet and flooring. Excellent shape, possible land contract terms available. \$65,000 #224555

Brand New Spacious Home!
Brand new 2 BR, 1 bath home complete with full finished basement, high efficiency furnace, oak cabinets, open spacious floor plan, blacktop drive and 2 car garage. \$89,900 #224484

Charm-Comfort-Location!
3 bedroom, 2 bath home close to town in a very nice neighborhood. 2 car attached garage, sprinkler system and natural gas. \$106,500 #224207

Recently Remodeled Home Near Manistee River!
Recently remodeled 2 BR, 2 bath home on 11 acres with pole barn and work room. Fronts Rattlesnake Creek, which will take you into the Manistee River. Listed below appraised value! Home Warranty included. \$154,900 #224601

Stunning Log Home!
Beautiful, well-built 3 BR, 2 bath home with lots of extras. Master bedroom suite, solid oak and pine flooring, cathedral ceiling, 6-panel solid doors throughout. Hickory kitchen cabinets, gas fireplace and more! Must see to really appreciate its quality! \$215,000 #224031

REDUCED
Nice Building Site!
Nice corner lot close to town with well, septic and electricity already on site. \$12,500 #220014

10 Acre Parcels w/Land Contract Available!
Nice 10 acre parcels with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. Lots of deer in the area and 90% wooded. Land Contract Possible. Prices range from \$28,900 to \$29,900 #222624-222637

13+ Acres Near "Holy Waters"!
Just minutes from the "Holy Waters" of the AuSable River and state land. Property fronts blacktop road with power adjacent. Nestle a home in the middle of property for lots of seclusion. \$38,500 #222385

Beautiful Hunting Property!
Beautiful hunting and snowmobile country. Adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. \$24,900 #221105

Beautiful Garden Island!
Own a piece of Garden Island. Beautiful, buildable lakefront property with beach! Wildlife galore. Privacy on a mostly state owned island. DNR cabin south of property can be reserved for use. Trails throughout island. Abundance of history. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. \$195,000 #10577

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2. For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR2/27/03/2)

FOR RENT

Grayling Housing Commission
Base Rent is based on 30% of
Adjusted Income
Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom . . . \$400.00
Two Bedroom . . . \$350.00
Three Bedroom . . . \$375.00
Four Bedroom . . . \$400.00
Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive
Telephone: 989-348-9314



2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

APARTMENT FOR RENT Two bedroom. \$425 per month. CALL (989) 348-2473 (-6/2)

LARGE ONE BEDROOM upper apartment. No smoking, references and deposit required in Grayling. \$275 month. (989) 348-6552 (-6/13/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME on Arrowhead Rd. New bath, large kitchen and front room in quiet setting. \$1,250 moves you in. \$450 month plus \$450 security plus \$350 for new fill in fuel on tank. Call (989) 348-6334. (LR2/6/03/2)

1,000 Sq Feet OFFICE/RETAIL SUITE

On Business Loop
\$500.00 per Month
348-5571

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& Medical Examining
Rooms. 775 sq. ft.
\$550/month
6251 M-72 West, 1
Mile W. of Grayling.
348-4716

2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418. (-6/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME near North Higgins Lake, new stove and refrigerator available immediately. \$500 per month plus utilities. Call (989) 821-6081. (-30-6/2)

COZY SEMI FURNISHED HOME Two bedroom, close to town, will lease. \$425 plus deposit. (989) 348-5428 (2/6/03tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

ONE OR TWO BEDROOM upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833, (-6-13-20-27/2)

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH, recently remodeled in town, attached garage. \$395 per month and utilities, references and security deposit required. Call (231) 922-7170 (-30-6/2)

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DUPLEX FOR RENT Eagle Point area. 1,400 sq. ft. Two bedroom, two bath, large master bedroom suite, newer construction. \$700 includes utilities, security deposit. No pets, no smoking. Call (231) 263-0231 (-6-13-20-27/2)

3. Employment

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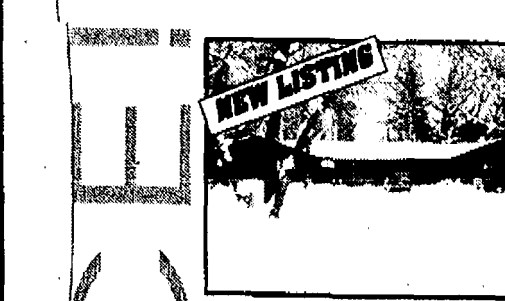
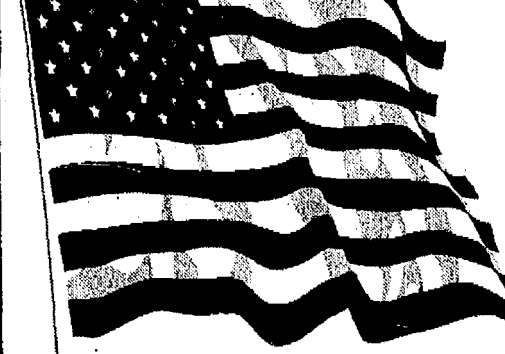


Charming remodeled home featuring new roof, vinyl siding, kitchen, majority of windows, 2.5 ton central air conditioning, a green house off the living room and gazebo in the back! Garage is insulated, drywalled and heated. A must see. \$83,000 #5065

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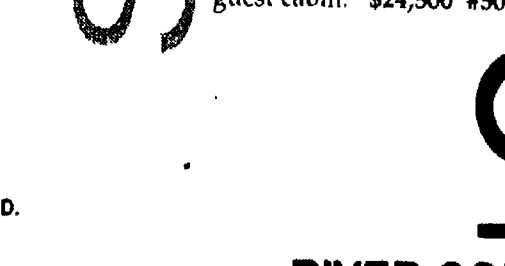
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This log duplex on 220' of AuSable River is very conveniently located and each unit is large at 1330 square feet. Each unit has three good size bedrooms, large bath with double sink, fireplace and basement. The units are independent with their own well, furnace, hot water heater, electric hook up and septic system. \$133,000 #5069



Well maintained mobile home has a great location close to public access point on the AuSable River, close to snowmobile trails and State Land. Home has newer roof, water heater, furnace and well pump. Large shed was being converted into a guest cabin. \$24,500 #5049



A "Rare Gem" 1208' of frontage on the AuSable River. "Holy Waters" with a variance to build closer to the river! This clean two bedroom cabin is turn key ready and is perfect for all season recreational fun. Steps lead down to a beautiful view of the world famous AuSable River. \$160,500 #4958



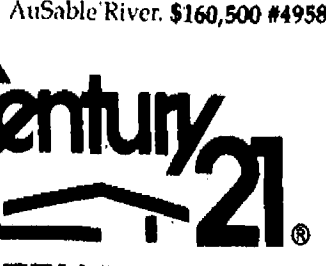
On the main stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters"!! Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stones throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view! Comes furnished except for: log bed, oak chest, futon, deer and pheasant mounts. Antique wood cook stove can be purchased separate from sale. \$168,000 #5070



This property has a 1,300 square foot, two bedroom, one bath home and a 24 x 24 garage with 220 service. It also includes a 14 x 46 building on prime 75' commercial frontage on 27 just north of Grayling. \$54,900 #4974



Three bedroom cottage on secluded lake between Grayling and Gaylord. Ride your snowmobile out your front drive or go fishing from your rear deck. Year round recreation. Nice sandy beach frontage, great swimming and fishing area. Also includes 14' boat. \$129,900 #5068



Spacious and elegant living on a peaceful 5 acre parcel abutting state land, close to Fox Run Golf Course, and I-75. Many updates include finished, insulated garage w/new door, and electrical set up for generator, new lighting in kitchen and master bath, gas log in fireplace and more. \$235,000 #5062



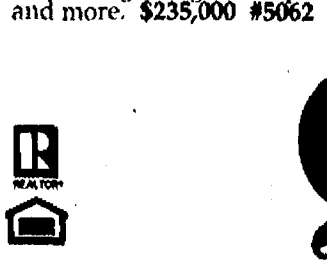
A quality home on a very private setting close to town. Home offers Berber carpeting, tile flooring in the kitchen and baths, front and rear deck, natural gas heat, heated/insulated garage bonus room and new furnace in January, 2003. \$130,000 #5071



This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full baths, and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about two miles away. \$73,500 #5034



Nicely maintained home on 5.78 acres located close to the AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Featuring 1,500 square feet with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, over 40 feet of kitchen counter space, enclosed screened porch and garden area. \$92,000 #5040



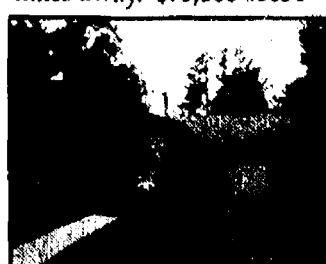
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One bedroom with attached garage and large storage shed on 1.9 acres. New roof, electric service, hot water heater, wall furnace and vertical blinds. Extensive remodeling in 2002. Three ceiling fans and two window air conditioners. 5000W generator, riding mower and snow blower included. \$68,000 #5072



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THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM has summer positions (May 15-mid-August) for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at www.michigan.gov/hal. Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail JoAnn Carroll at carrolla@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

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3. Employment

Office Support Specialist: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for a part-time (32 hours per week) faculty office support specialist. Qualified applicants will have the ability to provide a variety of office support functions in the faculty office. Hourly pay rate of \$9.18-\$12.39 commensurate with education and experience; limited fringe benefit package. Send letter of application, resume, and three letters of reference to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 21, 2003. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. For a complete position description, visit our web site at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us> or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239.

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8. Announcements

GRAYLING EAGLES AUXILIARY 3465 Will hold elections for their delegates to go to the state convention in June 2003 on Thursday Feb. 6, 2003 during the hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Voting to take place at the Eagles Club, 602 Huron St., Grayling. (-6/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Feb. 5 - Feb. 8 Ashberry Jam, Feb. 12 - Feb. 15 Risque Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-6-13/8)

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02tf/8)



Crawford County United Way

Crawford County United Way will be holding an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 8:15 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors officers, and the 2002 Annual Report. Members are encouraged to attend. Any questions please call April Brunger, Crawford County United Way Director at 344-9300.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

11. Automotive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 14, 2003 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at Crawford County Sheriff's Office at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicles prior to the sale.

Year 1994, Make Suzuki (dirt bike), Model ZM125, Color Yellow & White, VIN# JS1RF14ASR2100184.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Baerlocher at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. (989) 348-4616.

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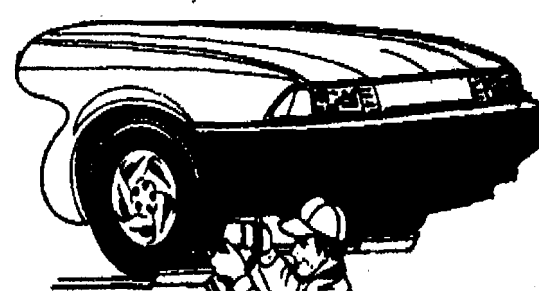
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Year 2000, Make New Horizon (25' fiberglass powerboat w/trailer), Model Pleasure, Color Blue & White, VIN# H178202417. This boat has been stripped and has no engine, out drive, seating, or steering etc.

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Program Coordinator
The Grayling Housing Commission is seeking a program coordinator to oversee and coordinate the Homeownership Program sponsored by the Housing Commission. The program coordinator must have three to five years experience in programs related to section 8 rental vouchers and Family Self Sufficiency. Ability to counsel, encourage and coordinate educational activities to help clients to achieve their goals is a significant aspect of this program. Experience in developing and implementing new programs at a local, or state governmental level is necessary. Please contact Mr. Guy Quigley at 989-368-3097 to obtain an application.

North Central Community Mental Health
EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIALIST (2): Seeking individuals to work as team members to provide non registered day crisis services, defined after-hour emergency services on-call, and short term crisis interventions. Will provide jail services and jail diversion services in our four-county catchment area and clinical support to the Crisis Residential Home. Openings in Cadillac and Houghton Lake.
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All three positions require a Bachelor's Degree in Human Service field or Nursing, and must possess or qualify for Michigan Registration as a Social Worker or Social Work Technician. Competitive pay and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, MI, 49601 by 2/14/03. EOE

8. Announcements

PUBLIC NOTICE Grayling Eagles General Membership Meeting is rescheduled for Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m. and the regular second General Membership meeting is as normally scheduled. (-6/8)

LUNCHEON Hot and/or Cold Foods. Salad and Dessert included. \$5 per person. Thursday, February 6 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Take out available. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. (-6/8)

ARE YOU A SKIER or you would like to learn how to ski? Skyline After School Special on Friday's from 3:30 - 9:00 is for you. Lift tickets are \$7. Ski rentals are \$7 and get a free meal. If you've never tried skiing, take advantage of these discounted rates and we will provide a free group lesson if you make arrangements ahead of time. Call (989) 275-5445 Skyline Ski and Country Club. Just north of Higgins Lake off I-75, Exit 251. (-6-13-20/8)

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9. Personals

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